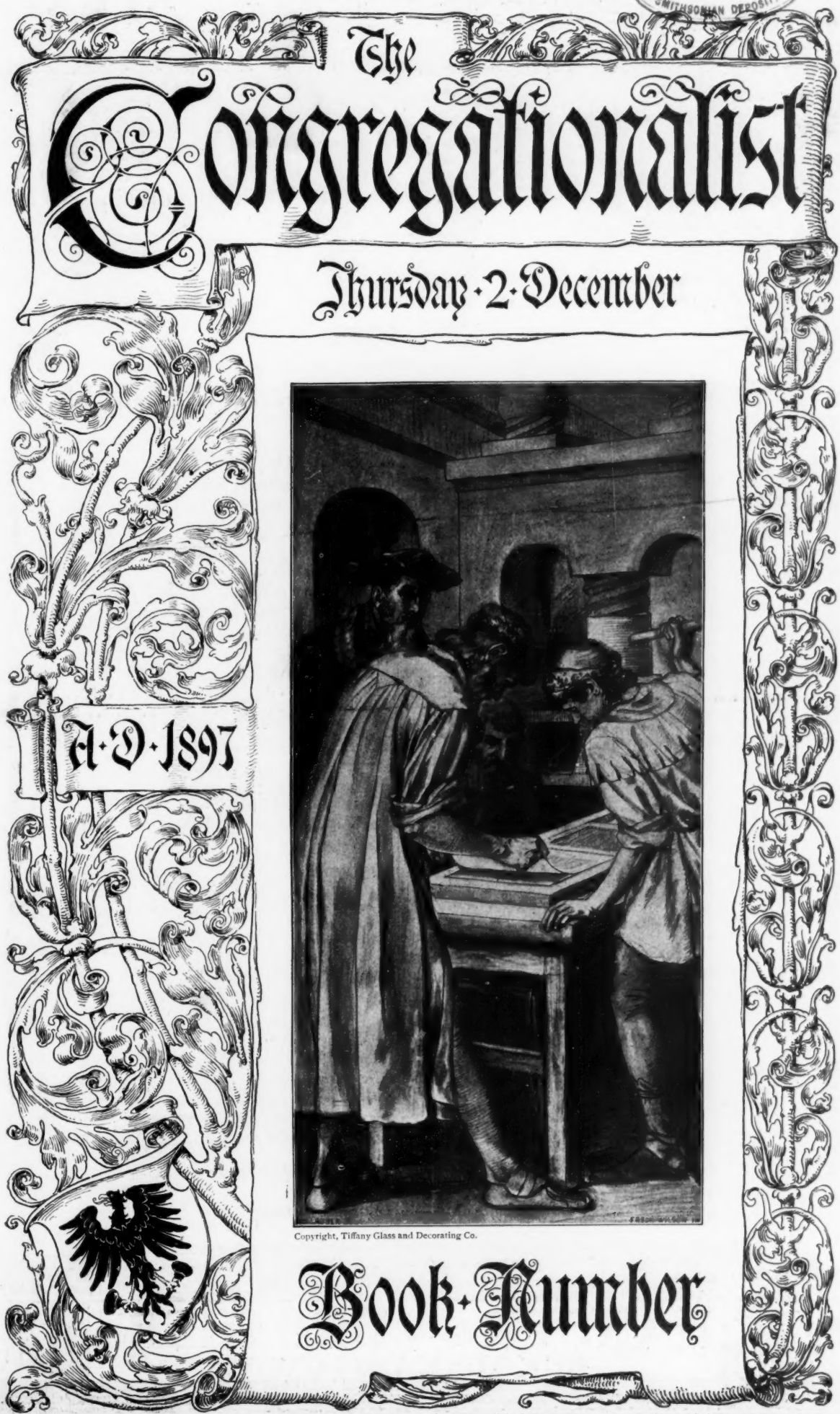


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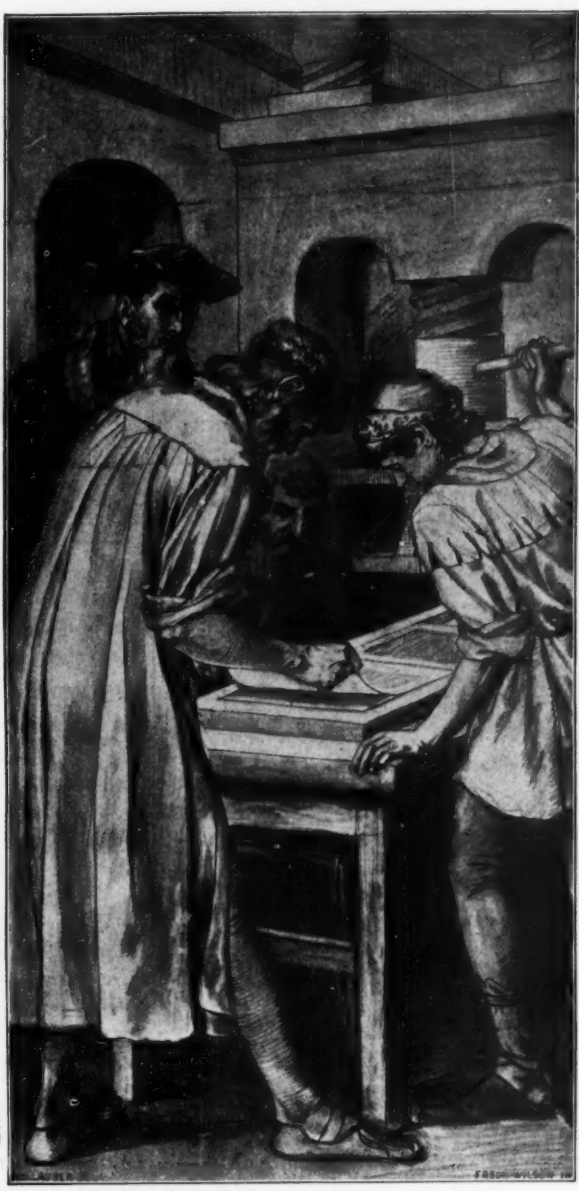
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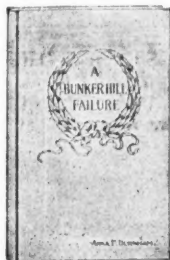
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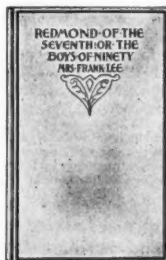
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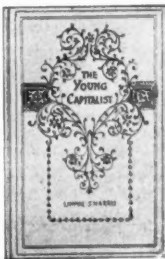
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ONLY once before since *The Congregationalist* assumed its present form has the weekly issue consisted of so many pages as are herewith sent forth to our readers. The earlier occasion for so unusual an enlargement was our eightieth anniversary number, in the spring of 1896, but this week the pressure upon our columns is so unusually great that we have duplicated the size of that extraordinary issue. Our advertisers, especially the book publishers, naturally desire to put themselves in evidence at this season of the year, and we consider the various announcements well worth the careful attention of those who intend to invest in books or periodicals. But the advertisements have not been permitted to trench upon the space reserved for our contributors and editors. Indeed, far more than the usual number of columns are this week given to the literary uses of the paper. The book reviews and the summary of the year's output, prepared with great care by the literary editor, occupy nine pages. We have supplemented this extended review with a discriminating article by James MacArthur, editor of the *Bookman*. The memoir of Lord Tennyson, by his son, which is perhaps the leading volume of the year, has been assigned to a specialist for examination, and all will enjoy Professor Genung's able and sympathetic study of it. His personal acquaintance with the poet and with his biographer make him unusually well fitted for this task. Mr. Beaton's vigorous handling of the question, *Is Modern Fiction Serving the Interests of Religion?* Professor Rolfe's characterization of the Religion of Shakespeare, Clinton Scollard's beautiful article on *The Poets of Childhood*, "Peripatetic's" chatty observations on men now prominent in the public eye, Miss Fuller's graphic description of *The Artist Hoffman in His Studio* are other special features of this number which we are confident will interest and profit our readers. The world of books in which we live is so large that once a year, at least, we are glad to give our columns the special flavor which belongs to it.

The exercises attending the laying of the corner stone of the new Congregational House passed off last Monday noon to the satisfaction of all concerned. Those present must have felt anew the inspiration of our history and the mission which we as a denomination have to fulfill. Those at a distance will, we trust, receive some benefit and quickening through the full report which we shall give in our forthcoming *Forefathers'* issue of the admirable and appropriate addresses. We hope, also, in that same issue, to furnish a picture of the scene. Elsewhere in this paper we outline the services of last Monday, which will have a prominent and honorable place in the annals of our denominational life.

Lovers of the Bible who dread the work of destructive criticism will do well to make the acquaintance of one of the most radical of those Christian critics by reading on page 844 the sketch of Dr. Cheyne. The contrast between the critical student and the gospel preacher will at once suggest itself to them. The confusing of these two characters has caused much of the dislike with which many have regarded critical study of the Bible. They have looked on the critical student as proclaiming that his discoveries are truths from God, instead of as proposing tentative solutions of problems of interpretation. Professor Cheyne does not demand confidence in his conclusions. He invites examination of them by those whom he would persuade to make intelligent conclusions of their own. He does not hesitate to admit that he makes mistakes. He uses these as stepping-stones to further knowledge. His plea for the critical student of the Bible in his recent book, *The Hallowing of Criticism*, deserves fair consideration. He says:

Among the many new embodiments of the Christian spirit may not this be vouchsafed us—a free and yet devout critic, one who loves all the departments of God's truth with an equal love; one who does not try to concede as little as he can to a Power which he cannot bless, but dares not curse; one who is not afraid even to make mistakes, on the chance of finding out some fresh fact, and when he has made them to admit them, but who, like Job, is greatly afraid to "speak unrighteously for God"?

The Aerated Bread Company of London has a large number of rooms in the busiest parts of the city where simple refreshments are neatly served at low prices. These *cafés* have become very popular with the public. This month the company declared a dividend for the year amounting to 37½ per cent. of its capital. Of course the company is very popular with its stockholders. The young waitresses are neatly dressed, intelligent and obliging. Their service is an important factor in the success of the enterprise. The *Christian Commonwealth* says that these girls serve the first month for nothing. If they are then permanently employed by the company they receive \$2.50 per week, which amount is sometimes not increased for several years. The sum of thirty-five cents a week is also allowed for their board. That the company is able to secure suitable service for such meager pay reveals one cause of social discontent which finds greater justification in England than in this country. That the company's enormous dividends are swelled by wages unjustly held back from their employees helps us to understand the bitterness which many express toward corporations. That stockholders accept these dividends without protest, knowing the conditions, shows that something more than education is needed for the establishment of just social relations.

A series of tables is being published in the *Independent* showing the relative growth of benevolent contributions in several religious denominations in the United States from 1835 to the present. We commend the study of these tables to those who listened to Thanksgiving sermons showing the deadness of the church and the degeneracy of the times. The estimates, of course, can be only approximately correct. But they clearly demonstrate a steadily growing sense, on the part of Christians, of responsibility for giving the gospel to the world. In the Methodist Episcopal Church contributions have risen from thirteen cents per member in 1835 to \$1.02 in 1896. In the Presbyterian Church, North, during the same period, the gain per member has been from ninety-nine cents to \$4.90; and Congregationalists have advanced from \$2.08 per member to \$5.87. It is probable that if the money given by other denominations to our missionary societies in the earlier period, when these denominations were united with ours in missionary work, were deducted, it would be shown that the gifts of Congregationalists in 1835 were about \$1.00 per member. On this basis our benevolences have increased in sixty-one years nearly sixfold, while our membership has grown about three and a half fold. In each of the denominations of which figures are given the contributions have increased much faster than the membership and in greater proportion than the national wealth. It is often urged that the test of the genuineness of a man's conversion is its effect on his pocketbook. So far as that is concerned it seems evident that the gain of the century in real Christian character has been great. It is worthy of notice, also, that the proportion of gifts to foreign missions has shown an increasing conviction that the world is to be won to Christ.

Denominational Congresses

There is always in religious bodies a tendency to exalt matters of opinion into essentials of faith. When leading men assert that their opinions represent the belief of the denomination, the rank and file usually accept their statements, and thus creeds grow. But when men would treat such growths as opinions only, conflict comes. The disposition to prune creeds is strong at present, but the regular appointed denominational gatherings have not been found suitable places to do this, because what is said at such meetings is regarded as in a sense representative and authoritative. This, of course, is not true of Unitarians, a chief article of whose creed is that creedlessness is godliness. Their annual assemblies are usually congresses—meetings for free discussion of religious topics.

It is becoming the fashion to hold such gatherings in other denominations. Episcopalians, we believe, led the way. Baptists followed, and last month Methodists held their first national congress at Pittsburg. The discussions which attract general attention are those calling in question some belief or practice regarded as characteristic of the denomination. For example, Baptists in this country are supposed to hold tenaciously to the tenet that immersion is prerequisite to the Lord's Supper. In this they differ from

their brethren in Great Britain, but their newspapers insist that the life of the denomination depends on it. The *Standard* declares that open communion "cannot but end in denominational anarchy." The *Examiner* insists that the question is "settled and immovable." It rebukes those "reprehensible" Baptists who are "trying to galvanize the corpse of so dead an issue into the semblance of life." But when Baptist ministers like Drs. O. P. Gifford and R. H. Conwell emphatically repudiate close communion, as they did in the recent congress at Chicago, with the applause of the audience, it is no wonder that Baptist newspapers should contain obituaries, "full measure, pressed down and running over," on what appears to be a corpse like Banquo's ghost, that "will not down." Close communion is not a Baptist doctrine; if it were English Baptists would hold it. It is a matter of opinion on which American Baptists are divided, as those who read their denominational papers will plainly see, in spite of assertions that it is a decree forever settled. They will be much more likely to come to truthful decisions on this question through candid discussion than through solemn assurances that discussion concerning it is closed.

We believe that the time is opportune for denominational congresses. Free interchange of opinion on controverted topics clears the denominational mind. It reveals the limits of the authority of those who assume to speak for the whole body. It places the arguments on either side of these topics before the people and helps them to decide for themselves. We should like to have discussed in a representative gathering of Congregationalists such subjects as The Place of Calvinism in Our Present Belief, The Meaning of the Kingdom of God, The Inspiration of the Bible, The Extent and Limits of the Church's Responsibility for Social Conditions, The Divine Teaching Concerning the Forgiveness of Sins and Concerning Future Punishment, The Place of Evolution in Christian Faith. We should like to have persons of opposing views appointed to speak on each of the more important subjects concerning which there are differences of opinion within the denomination, with abundant opportunity for free discussion. We believe it is better that what men think in any denomination should be generally known than that a supposed unanimity should be maintained by enforced silence. If Christians cannot discuss their differences of belief with courtesy and without bitterness they will be more useful in separate camps, and the sooner divisions take place the better. That, we are sure, is not the disposition of Congregationalists.

It is a question whether our denomination needs to increase the number of its national gatherings in order to secure the advantages of the congress. It is, in our judgment, plain that a readjustment of the anniversaries of our benevolent societies, bringing them all together in one place and time, would be a great advantage to them and to the churches. Our National Council next summer, we are confident, will emphatically recommend such a change. But, that being done, we think the coming council might wisely relieve itself of a mass of details with

which its meetings have usually been encumbered. It is not necessary to endorse the work of these societies. That has been done repeatedly and remains as valuable as any new indorsement. The topics assigned to most of the standing committees are threadbare. The sentiments of the denomination on temperance, gambling, the Sabbath, etc., are well known and need not be reiterated. The anticipation of frank discussion by our leaders, young as well as old, of great topics on which Congregationalists earnestly seek more light would move many of them to cross the continent, would deeply interest our brethren beyond the Rockies and would make the last National Council of this century memorable. Why should not the council of 1898 be a congress also?

Fiction and History

The novel of adventure which Stevenson brought back again on the model of the elder Dumas rather than of Walter Scott of necessity allies itself with history. It must have a background and an atmosphere, and these are supplied upon manageable terms by the historic rather than the purely constructive imagination. Building lots in cloudland are rarely available and require too much imagination on the reader's part to make the castles built upon them seem secure.

To assume acquaintance with a great epoch of the past and its chief actors on the reader's part, on the other hand, is a delicate kind of flattery which puts him at once in good humor. He knows all about Napoleon, therefore he will look with friendly eyes upon the puppets who dance under the shadow of Napoleon's fame. He has a reverence for Washington, therefore it is well for the novelist to borrow something of the glamour of the fame of Washington for his lover and his lass. The stage and the footlights are secured upon the easiest terms, and the initial good will of the audience also. No wonder the novelist of adventure likes to be sure that at least one of his actors shall come upon the stage secure of attention and applause.

There are perils, of course, in this historical setting for the story-teller's play. He who advertises the presence of a well-known man upon the boards is bound to see that the puppet who enacts him appears in character. To be promised Washington and have the part performed by a weakling or buffoon is to induce a reaction which will inevitably spoil the effect of the play. The historic men are dead, but to kill them twice in a stupid story is to anger those readers who have imagination enough to conceive of the great men of old days as still alive. The dull and stupid writers would do well to stick to cloudland—or the commonplace—if they value the good nature of the reading public. But alas for such vain warnings! It is impossible to convince the dull of their own dullness. And most of them will continue to believe, in spite of every warning, that it is better to be read and scorned than never to be read at all.

Every age thinks it has discovered a royal road to literary triumph. Now it is the novel of sentiment, and infinite drivel makes silly women weep. Again, it is the psychological analysis of charac-

ter and clumsy vivisection sets the teeth on edge. Just now the fashion of lubricity (we hope) is going out, and the fashion of historical resuscitation is coming in. There are some who see the spirits of the dead and some who only dig up empty skulls. By the touch of the dead bones of our ancestors we are expected to believe mediocrity is to be galvanized into life.

It is the old absurdity grinning behind a different mask. There is no royal road. There never has been. There never will be. Study may do much, untiring industry will clear the way of many hindrances, but unless there is that inborn gift of exact and vivid but unconscious observation joined with the opportunity of expression which we call genius no result of permanent value can be brought to pass.

Genius will work according to the demands of its own day and perhaps be little recognized by its own first readers, but its hold upon eternal fame is that it recognizes the permanent and eternal elements of human life in any form of work. There is a place for talent, also. It serves its own generation and often serves it well. But God meant, in shaping brains for men, that there should be far more readers than writers, or he would not have made genius so rare and talent so infrequent.

It is a good thing that the present literary current sets toward history. It will more and more awaken wholesome interest in the wonderful story of man's development with its warnings and encouragements. But the wedding of the true historical imagination with the storyteller's art is one of the rarest of all happy marriages. The great novelist will be welcome whenever and wherever he shall come. He will know life thoroughly, his own life first and best, and he will stir the hearts of men not by dry pedantry of historical research, but by his knowledge of the human heart in all relations, and by his power of making our hearts throb in sympathy with hearts whose joys and sorrows he reveals.

Our Favorite Hymns

They are not necessarily the best hymns, best in the judgment of the expert in hymnology. The rhythm may be rough in this one or that, the sentiment may not justify itself wholly to the critical inquirer, the tune may not be such as an up-to-date composer would consent to approve. But because they speak to our hearts by the power of inherent significance, or of proven general value, or of some precious personal association, no others can become to us what they are.

Our fondness for them, however, should not render us inhospitable to new claimants for favor. Some of these we soon shall have learned to love. The elder ones among us also need to remember that some hymns dear to them are unknown to the rising generation. It is not to blame for not loving hymns and tunes which have been dropped from the books. A welcome to every new hymn which is genuinely good! There is room and use for one and all.

Our favorite hymns, however, those which we oftenest find ourselves repeating or humming when alone, are those which mean most to us, quite apart from

their actual quality. They are hymns which used to be sung when we were children, which helped us to set and keep our feet in the Christian way, which our mothers used to sing, or our sisters used to play. They are the hymns which somehow serve as links between our hearts and the great white throne.

We pity those who have no favorite hymns. How much they lose! Next to familiarity with the Bible, a knowledge of many good hymns is to be desired. And this not merely for the spiritual aid and comfort which they afford, but even for the intellectual benefit to be gained from them. He who knows little and cares less about good hymns shuts himself off from one of the most interesting, delightful and profitable departments of human culture. He robs both his mind and his heart.

Current History

"An Improvident Contract"

The decision rendered last week by the Massachusetts Board of Railroad Commissioners in the matter of the proposed lease of the franchise and property of the West End Street Railway Company to the Boston Elevated Railway Company is one that we venture to think will be considered historic. Most creditable to the commissioners who rendered it, it is sure to have an effect upon the course of events without as well as within the commonwealth. Virtually it is an indictment of the legislature as well as a blow at the cupidity of capital. It shows to the people of the State that they cannot rely upon their legislators to detect or defeat schemes that come backed by men of such ability and such wealth as stood sponsor for the transfer contemplated in the condemned lease.

Briefly stated, the reason why the commissioners fail to ratify the lease is this: It provides terms not consistent with public interest and public policy, or, to quote their own words, it is "an improvident contract." More specifically its faults are these: (a) Inability to secure the due and safe transportation of the public on the West End system by any special provision or requirement of law should the lease be ratified. (b) An irrevocable rental charge upon the West End system for ninety-nine years, which charge would guarantee to stockholders of the West End road an annual dividend for nearly a century of about eleven per cent. on the par value of their shares. (c) Such phraseology in some of its sections as indicates the purpose of the Boston Elevated to control all future transit lines constructed in eastern Massachusetts, whose people, as well as those now more directly concerned, would for three generations be compelled to submit to rates of transportation, etc., that ever must bear some relation to guarantees now made to holders of West End stock. To quote the commissioners:

Whatever the future accepted rate of return, hitherto tending downward, on capital invested in public service corporations, or at whatever rate, under private or public ownership or control, fresh capital might be forthcoming, the rate here fixed would run on to the end of the lease without diminution or power of revision. In any proposed adjustment of the burdens to be borne or shared, of the compensation to be made for privileges granted, or of the service proper to be de-

manded, the rental nominated in the lease, for more than three generations to come, must be credited to the corporation and debited to the public. The only suggested way of relief is a resort to the desperate remedy of revoking the railway locations, and thereby destroying the service that the public could neither amend nor do without.

Other States will do well to see to it that they have like commissions and commissioners equally judicial and fearless, and Massachusetts must secure a new brand of legislators.

An Anglican Defeat in London

London's school board election last week proves to have been a Waterloo for the Anglicans, who either insisted that the non-denominational schools should be administered so economically as to impair their efficiency and thus strengthen the denominational schools, or that they must be forced to teach doctrine, that is, doctrine as interpreted by Anglican credal standards. Fortunately there were dissensions within the Anglican ranks. Many of the clergy and laity realized that such measures were not only contemptibly unfair but sure to bring about a reaction against the Established Church sooner or later. They either abstained from voting or deliberately voted for the Progressive candidates, and their votes, plus those of the avowed supporters of the non-sectarian schools, have resulted in the overwhelming defeat which the cable reports.

Austria's Parliamentary Tangle

Where races do not assimilate and population does not become comparatively homogeneous, as in this country, the problem of representative government becomes unusually difficult, and the difficulty increases in exact proportion to the number of the races represented and the intensity of their temperamental and religious animosities. Austria just now is a spectacle among the nations. For months the lower house of the imperial legislature has resembled a bear garden more than a deliberative assembly, and during the past week scenes have been enacted the like of which history does not record. The president of the assembly has been driven from his chair by force. It has become necessary to call in the police to eject members, and the Parliament House has been guarded from the mob by the military. Feeling has run so high that Count Badeni, the premier, has resigned and Emperor Joseph, though reluctant to even seem to desert so tried a friend, has, at Count Badeni's own urgent solicitation, accepted the resignation and named as his successor Baron Gautsch, who, while none the less loyal to the throne and the Austro-Hungarian compact, is nevertheless less objectionable to the conservative German party, which is responsible for all the tumult. Reduced to its lowest terms, the fight is simply one of race, the more narrow and bigoted of the German population being determined to resist any further growth in influence of the Czechs. And in doing this they seemingly care little whether the empire endures or not. Nothing but the personal influence of the venerable emperor keeps the dual monarchy together now, and even that may fail if the struggle persists much longer in the spirit with which it has been waged of late. S. L. Clemens (Mark Twain), who suffered personal injury while being ejected from

the gallery of the parliament chamber, may be depended upon to give to the English-reading world a most graphic description of the conflict.

Other Affairs Abroad

Spain's decrees conferring autonomous government upon Cuba and Porto Rico have been signed and issued. More liberal than any that Spain has ever offered before, they still deny that degree of economic freedom to secure which is the real inspiration of the Cuban revolution. But, in so far as concessions are made on this point, they dissatisfy the Spanish protectionists, and now that General Weyler is in Spain he is making his opposition to the Sagasta ministry along this line of protest. Gomez and Garcia, the Cuban rebel leaders, have issued a proclamation declaring that all Cubans who deal with Spain on any other basis than independence will be considered as traitors by them and treated accordingly.

The rumored conflict between French and British forces in the Nikki territory, West Africa, suggests what may happen at any moment. The French as yet have shown no intention to retreat from territory to which Great Britain indisputably has prior right.

Germany still retains possession of the harbor of Kiao Chau, and now makes such absurd demands upon China as show that she intends to remain entrenched where she is unless forced to withdraw by opposition from the other European Powers. They as yet have not indicated in any way either assent or dissent, though it is not to be conceived that they are unmindful of the significance of the step that Germany has taken. Great Britain is said to have about concluded arrangements with China for the cession of islands near Hong Kong and the port of Port Hamilton, the former being necessary for the successful defense of Hong Kong and the other giving her the finest harbor on the Pacific. If this be true, then Germany has not much to fear from Great Britain's dissent. The dispatch to the Pacific of a fleet from German waters, commanded by Emperor William's brother Henry, indicates that Germany intends to hold on to what she has seized, even though the Russian bear growls. The United States has no reason for interfering in this controversy, but our minister in Berlin, Mr. White, is said to have received instructions to lay before the German Foreign Office a statement that we cannot countenance anything like territorial aggression in Hayti, or any severity of action there growing out of Hayti's recent imprisonment of one who claims to be a German subject. Damages may be claimed and collected, but nothing more.

NOTES

Secretary Long of the Navy, in his able first report, urges upon Congress the construction of dry docks as the most imperative need of the navy at the present time.

Dr. Parkhurst returns to New York from Europe and says that his vocabulary is "no match for the ignominy of the situation." Dr. Parkhurst's vocabulary is varied and exact. Great, therefore, is the ignominy.

What does President McKinley mean by this habit he has of pardoning bank-wreckers, embezzlers and defaulters? What is the use of expensive and prolonged adjudication of such matters if, after judges and juries have

done their duty, the Executive is to step in and exercise clemency so indiscriminately?

Thanksgiving Day in the United States and Canada fell on the same date this year. The manner of observing it seems to have been conventional, with perhaps a trifle more emphasis on amusement and less emphasis on the religious possibilities of the festival. Loyal Americans in London, Berlin and Paris made the most of the opportunity to fraternize and eulogize American institutions.

Canada's reply to our suggestion that she join with us in putting an end to all seal killing in the North Pacific for a year is that she cannot act, first, because such an agreement must first be ratified by the imperial Parliament, which does not sit until February, and, second, because she believes that negotiations respecting reciprocity of trade should precede or go along with negotiations on the seal question.

Secretary of the Treasury Gage, addressing the New York Chamber of Commerce last week, said that, in his opinion, "the shape and destiny of our national life, as it may be affected by our financial legislation, is to be determined within the next four years." He holds that agitation of the question of currency reform is now "the highest conservatism." Within a day or two we shall know the details of the reform which he, as secretary, will urge, and also how far President McKinley intends to make such a reform an Administration measure.

The British claim to have recently discovered in Guiana documents which support their contentions in the boundary dispute with Venezuela. *The Nation* quotes the late Justin Winsor of Harvard, the most eminent American cartographer, as saying this summer to an English friend:

"Now that the matter has been handed over to a court of arbitration I think I may say that in my opinion Great Britain has the stronger case up to the Schomburgk Line. Beyond the Schomburgk Line," here he paused, "well, I think Venezuela has more to say."

In Brief

Our Roman Catholic brethren do not seem to be at peace in Zion. Another professor in the university at Washington has resigned because of the factional spirit that prevails there.

Congratulations to those two honored and beloved educators, Dr. Bartlett of Dartmouth and Dr. Fairchild of Oberlin, who on Thanksgiving Day celebrated their eightieth birthdays. Late may they return to the skies.

A good many sermons on Thanksgiving Day discussed things for which we ought not to be thankful—a kind of gadfly religion, so far as fitness to time is concerned. But there is now no Fast Day opportunity for these sermons.

Democracy imposes burdens on the people which monarchies bear for them. The Russian Government, for example, has prescribed a uniform bicycle dress for women, while American women usually have to spend as much thought in selecting their dress as their bicycle.

Of seventeen Unitarian churches making announcements of Sunday services in Boston and vicinity none have any evening preaching and only two have their church buildings open at all in the evening. The Music Hall meetings conducted by Rev. B. Fay Mills therefore must meet a long felt want in that denomination.

We know a minister who cordially recommended another as a sound preacher because he had twice used the word "hell" in the pulpit. But it is to be noted that that word is not to be found in the writings of the apostle John, either in his gospel or epistles. Yet

without using it he succeeded in giving a profound and clear idea of the mind of Christ.

The dates of the presidential receptions at the White House have just been announced, and they show that a concession has been made to those of the public officials who hitherto have found a conflict between their duties as public servants and their duties as Christians. Hereafter presidential reception night and prayer meeting night will not coincide.

The "Picture" Bible which we suggest as a Christmas gift on another page is certainly appreciated by our readers. Such a letter as this is no unusual testimony to its popular qualities: "The Bible I ordered a few days ago came today, and we are so much pleased with it that we want four other copies. Send also sample pages to the friends whose addresses I inclose."

The quintessence of proscription exercised by trades unionism has been seen in Scottsdale, Pa., recently. The trades union workers in the steel mills there, members of the Baptist Church, are reported to have denied a non-union workman admittance to membership in the church solely because he was not a member of the trades union. This is carrying the class spirit into the church with a vengeance.

It is the *Spectator* which confesses to the deterioration in English life when it says that the writing and publishing of books there has become "principally a trade in names. . . . The constancy of the public bestows itself on men now, not on periodicals. The individual waxes and the magazine is less and less." The *Publishers' Weekly* recently said much the same concerning a similar condition of affairs in this country.

Fire destroyed the building used as a dormitory by the young women of Tougaloo University on Nov. 24. No one was injured, but forty-three students and six teachers lost all their personal belongings, and the institution suffers a loss which it can scarcely make good unless the friends of the work of the A. M. A. rally loyally to the task. Tougaloo has done such excellent work, and is so much appreciated by its pupils and the more enlightened of the Mississippi whites, that it deserves to be helped now in its time of special need.

Mr. Amos F. Eno, a New York merchant, has just become enviably famous by paying a large amount of indebtedness to creditors who had no legal claim upon him. A member of a firm that failed in 1861, Mr. Eno has just sent to all creditors or their assigns that he can find a check covering their portion of the firm's indebtedness which his sense of honor holds him responsible for, and he also added that the remainder of his debt would be remitted as soon as the debt, with four per cent. interest from the time of the failure of the firm, has been computed. Amazement is said to be the dominant note as business men discuss this act, so used have they become to a standard of business integrity which seeks refuge behind every technicality of law.

Brief as was Dr. Berry's stay in Boston, he made excellent use of the time at his disposal and responded generously to the many and urgent demands for his services. His sermon at Harvard Church, reported elsewhere, and the Sunday afternoon discourse at Tremont Temple displayed his pulpit power to full advantage, while his address on Federation Monday morning carried his auditors completely by storm, and his words at the laying of the corner stone were no less felicitous. He preaches next Sunday for Dr. Newman in Washington, and sails for home Dec. 8. God speed his efforts in behalf of international arbitration. If he could only get the ear of those incorrigible senators they could not help yielding to his winning manner and his cogent arguments.

Wales has lost one of her greatest preachers in the death, Oct. 23, of Rev. John Evans; and many mourn his sudden departure. In a brilliant constellation of Welsh preachers of this century John Evans of Eglwysbach and Herber Evans of Carnarvon were the two stars of the greatest magnitude. Mr. Evans was a Methodist preacher and evangelist, but he belonged to the whole nation. His leadership of the "forward movement" in Wales led hundreds to Christ and awakened profound religious interest throughout Wales. For brilliancy of intellect, impassioned zeal and almost terrible earnestness he could hardly be excelled.

If it were not for the Christian clergy and laity of this and other lands the business of book publishing would be insignificant compared with what it now is. The Protestant clergy of England, Germany and America are the book-buyers *par excellence* of Christendom. This truth has been recalled by W. Robertson Nicoll's recent statement in the *British Weekly* that "the Nonconformists are the great book-buyers in England, as any publisher can testify. Indeed, one of the most eminent publishers in London said to us, the other night, that he sometimes thought there was nothing vital in the English life of today that did not proceed from some Nonconformist home."

President Eliot of Harvard, in addressing the Boston Unitarian ministers' meeting last week, pointed out to them the fact that the university's theological school no longer has a majority of Unitarian students. He might have added teachers. As president of Harvard University Mr. Eliot does not deplore this altogether, we know. But as a Unitarian he does regret that so few of the young men in the old Unitarian families are entering the ministry. For it is a matter of fact that if the Unitarian clergy's ranks were not recruited from abroad, geographically and denominationally speaking, they would be thin, indeed. And this, too, despite the fact that Rev. M. J. Savage continues to assert in New York, as he was constantly doing when in Boston, that most of the wise men who have ever lived or who are alive now have been or are Unitarians.

The Brotherhood of the Kingdom, a recent organization in the interest of larger application of Christianity to human relations, has discovered what it considers a lamentable lack in our modern hymnody. That lack is the absence of hymns that breathe the spirit of the prayer, "Thy kingdom come." The brotherhood quotes George Adam Smith as saying: "Modern hymnody fails to strike the national note. It sometimes helps us to feel that we are sinners, and other times that we are saints, but hardly ever that we are citizens. It tells of Afrie's sunny fountains, but it gives no picture that will stir our conscience of any slum or unholy street in London, Glasgow or Edinburgh." We pass along this suggestion to the army of American poets and to the somewhat smaller but still very respectable army of hymn-book publishers. Here certainly is a field for those who possess the poetic gift. Should there be only a meager response to this appeal from the Brotherhood of the Kingdom, we would be willing, for a consideration, to put at its disposal our entire stock of superfluous poetry. In its present form there might not be discovered just that sparkling gem for which our friends are seeking, but it might put them on the scent of some "mute, inglorious Milton," who only awaits the coming of a thrilling subject to tune his lyre to heavenly minstrelsy.

Public officials who are truly Christians seem to be more willing to proclaim their religious faith than they used to. Henry Watterston of the *Louisville Courier Journal*, in giving recently his future working platform as a gold standard editor surrounded by silver standard constituents, proclaimed without the slightest hesitation that he would continue to preach a

belief in Christ as the Saviour of mankind. Governor Atkinson of West Virginia, in the current *Epworth Herald*, says:

Whatever my weaknesses and misgivings may have been in the past, I can truthfully say that skepticism is not one of them. I believe in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost. I accept the Holy Bible as the inspired word of God and I believe that the gospel of the Christ will ultimately prevail as the accepted religion of mankind.

And President McKinley, in the same journal, in a special message to the hosts of the Epworth League, says:

Every organization of this kind is a mighty force for good. It is an education. It is teacher and school and sanctuary. It reaches individual life and strengthens it for good. It creates the habit of doing right, and, like any other habit, it grows stronger with years. It teaches that right living is the best living and that those who live right get the most out of life. The demand of the time and the need of the hour is for young men securely grounded in honesty and integrity—men of pure character. Religion and morality are no longer scoffed at. They are no longer the badge of weaklings and enthusiasts, but of distinction, enforcing respect even from those who do not believe in the Christian religion. They are the most priceless possessions which any young man can have. They constitute a coin which always passes current, which neither depreciates nor corrodes, which cannot be discredited and which is always in demand.

In and Around Chicago

Visit of Rev. Charles A. Berry, D. D.

Chicago counts it a rare privilege to have had a visit from the distinguished Wolverhampton pastor and to have heard him speak as the representative of British Nonconformity. Certainly no better representative could have been sent, or one who would have made a better impression. Sunday morning he preached in the Union Park Church for Dr. Noble on Our Sacred Possessions. The leading thought of the discourse was that things are valuable, not for the price they bring in the market, but for what they cost in suffering and life, for the sentiment and memories associated with them. In the evening Dr. Berry preached for Dr. McPherson in the Second Presbyterian Church on the testing of character, the leading thought of it being that God and Satan are each striving to get possession of the human soul. Monday morning the doctor addressed the ministers of the city in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. on the Federation of the Nonconformist churches in Great Britain and on the urgent need of a treaty of arbitration between Great Britain and the United States.

In the evening Dr. Berry was the guest of the Congregational Club, Dr. J. G. Johnson, to the delight of all, in the chair. Addresses of welcome were made by Dr. Withrow of the Third Presbyterian Church and Miss Frances Willard of the W. C. T. U. Professor Mackenzie, whose guest Dr. Berry is, and an old friend, had the privilege of introducing Dr. Berry to the Club and of speaking briefly of his standing abroad and of the work he has done. He said that no man has more influence in the Midland country of England than he, and that since Dr. Dale's death he has succeeded to the leadership which that lamented minister had won. Professor Mackenzie also introduced Dr. Berry at the ministers' meeting in the morning. Dr. Berry said that it was greatly to his surprise that he found himself put down as the principal speaker of the evening and that in consequence he should be compelled to trust to spontaneous utterance, and then in an address remarkable alike for fervor, felicity of expression, a fine blending of wit, humor, anecdote and seriousness, unfolded what he regards as the mission of Congregationalism. In England it has stood for intellectual and spiritual freedom, where, without a creed, it has brought the members of

Congregational churches into a unity of belief which repudiates Unitarianism in every form, insists upon the deity of Christ and upon the absolute necessity of his atoning death. The faith of the Congregational churches is the Evangelical faith of Christendom.

Tuesday noon Dr. Berry addressed the students of the theological seminary. He told them to believe in their message, in their people and in themselves as persons called to preach, and therefore having a vocation, and as under obligation to be the gospel which they preach. The address was in Dr. Berry's best vein, powerful and impressive by reason of the reality in the speaker and in the pathos with which he spoke. In the afternoon he was the guest of the University of Chicago.

Emerson Hall

The corner stone of this dormitory for young women at Beloit was laid with appropriate and impressive ceremonies Nov. 19. The building will be of red vitrified brick with a roof of red tile, the general style Elizabethan, like that of an old English manor house. It will be homelike, attractive and convenient. President Eaton spoke of the generous gifts which the donor of this edifice has already made to Beloit, of the interest which he takes in young men and women, of his belief in education, of his desire to furnish advantages for the youth of the country, and of his earnest, simple faith in God. His letter was as follows: "I am pleased with your sharp, active work. Lay the corner stone in faith, and may the same consecration to high ideals be ever present with the young ladies as stimulated Mary Lyon, the mother of higher education in this country. Truly, D. K. Pearsons." W. E. Hale, Esq., as chairman of the board of trustees, spoke briefly as the representative of those who have the pecuniary affairs of the college in charge. The main address, as was fitting, was given by Professor Emerson, whose near relative was a pioneer in the education of women in America, and but for whom even Mary Lyon would not have been trained for the position she filled. The day was beautiful and the attendance large. In the evening, at the house of the president, Miss Martha D. Hale, a daughter of the trustee and a graduate of Smith College, gave the young ladies of the college and a few of their friends an account of her recent visit to Egypt, illustrating her words with pictures of the temples and tombs and cities she had seen. The lecture was one of rare interest and value.

The University Congregational Church

Dr. Rubinkam is giving a series of morning discourses on such topics as these: Sources of Inspiration, Who Are the Saints? The Call of Isaiah, Isaiah's Message to His Times, The Great Unnamed Prophet of the Exile, The Fifty-third Chapter of Isaiah, The Personality and Mission of John the Baptist, Jesus of Nazareth, Jesus Which Is Called Christ. He is also to give a course of week day lectures on German classic literature, the topics being Lessing and Nathan the Wise, Herder, Goethe's Faust, Schiller and William Tell. There will also be a grand concert at the close of these lectures. The congregation is increasing since the new church has been occupied, and its prospects for future and rapid growth are encouraging.

Dr. Gunsaulus Again

Acting upon the advice of his physician, Dr. Gunsaulus has once more forwarded his resignation as pastor of Plymouth Church. The resignation is peremptory. He has not been gaining as rapidly the last few weeks as has been reported, and, while he will not sever his connection with Armour Institute, he feels it wise to free himself from all responsibility for the church. The resignation will be acted upon by the congregation Sunday morning. If accepted there will be sincere sorrow in many hearts, for the vacancy thus made cannot be easily filled.

Chicago, Nov. 27.

FRANKLIN.

Is Recent Fiction Serving the Interests of Religion

By Rev. David Beaton, Chicago

The days when I first read Sir Walter Scott I can never forget. What new worlds were opened to the vision of youth! The freshness, the charm, the exhilaration of it all, the dramatic movement, the romance of adventure and love, the living contact with great historic characters—it was all a revelation of life at its best. Now after these years it comes to me as one of those sweet dreams of which Amiel sighed, "Let me dream again." Are we not in danger in our maturer years of forgetting that earlier delight in the poetry and heroisms of life that made us partly poets and heroes ourselves? May we not be found looking into recent fiction for those doctrinal teachings and philosophies of life that hold a peculiar fascination for us, but which escape the mind of the ordinary reader? To them the charm is in the story. They want to get away from the prosaic life of business and the monotony of toil; they want "on honey dew to feed and drink the milk of paradise"; and they find this solace in the glamour of imaginative literature. Though we may not take the novel too seriously, nor search too curiously for heresy, yet as the popular text-book on social, industrial, religious and sex questions it has to be fairly reckoned with by the spiritual leaders of the time.

Any large acquaintance with recent fiction "gives the mind pause" in the attempt to answer the question at the head of this article; he would be a very sanguine or a very ignorant person who should do so with a simple yes or no. The practice of novel reading among young and old is so general as to amount to a revolution in education. Grant Allen says he could get no adequate hearing for his scientific ideas on society till he began to write stories. People leave the works of Taylor and McLellan untouched and read the *Woman Who Did*, *The African Farm* and *The Heavenly Twins*, and flatter themselves that they know all there is to say about the sex question and marriage in modern life. Even serious students turn from Marx, Riis and Booth to the pages of Marcella or *The King's Highway* for light on social reforms. Thus the immature minds of youth and the undisciplined minds of the general public are exposed to the gravest perils as much from the novels of purpose as from those of the rankest sensationalism. The novelist is a sort of providence to his creations. To put the semblance of life into his characters, and give them dramatic force and reality, he must assume a depth of wisdom and knowledge of life little short of omniscience. He, or rather she, allows no facts of history, theories of philosophy or religious creeds to stand in the way of the most wildly improbable spiritual experiences of any of her characters, if they are needed to bolster up a social fad or newfangled doctrine, or furnish the red fire for the melodramatic martyrdom of the hero. An instance of this is found in Amelia Barr's *The King's Highway*, where psychology, Scripture and the unrepentant end of man himself are all swept aside by the modern Mrs. Parting-

ton with her brand new broom of sentimental theology. Even the holy grief of a wife and daughter must not be allowed to make ducks and drakes of the spiritual verities upon which the dignity of the soul rests. But this is how the novelist walks unmoved past all these interests to her purpose. At the deathbed of the father the daughter, feeling that the ruling passion is strong in death, presses some greenbacks into the dying worldling's hand as a sort of Wall Street extreme unction; then, seeing that he has gone, she breaks out, "Father will now see right and wrong with the eyes of immortality. Do you think his soul will cease to pray when it has left the body?" Shades of Calvin and Arminius! Schools of the prophets from Shiloh to Andover, what does all your mental agony amount to when with the stroke of her infallible pen the novelist can sweep away your mightiest doctrinal systems?

The majority of young readers do not know that learned, sincere and brilliant intellects pause reverently before those subjects which the novelist decides off-hand. The half-baked social theories of a Steve Lloyd, half socialist, half hobo, and the gush of a silly girl are to them a gospel of real life. Some questions of a like kind arise out of *The Christian*, which, as Lang says, "might be called a tract compiled conjointly by the editors of the *War Cry* and the *London Journal*," which is neither an intellectual masterpiece nor a fair statement of present conditions of Christian work. It is a vexed question yet whether John Storm is meant to be a self-deceived fanatic or a modern Christ, but the man who could love the abnormal and detestable heroine of the theaters and music halls of London, masquerading in man's clothes, and for such an "attractive innocent" could leave his Anglican monastery and throw his reform work to the winds, must excuse us if we refuse to see anything of a hero or martyr in him.

Another book largely read by religious people is *The Choir Invisible*, one of the leading literary works of the year. But what are we to say of the subject which the author makes the chief attraction of the story? "This thing of making a point of delight with the love of a married woman for a man not her husband is absolutely immoral if anything is immoral," and in doing this James Lare Allen, together with Tolstoi, Hardy and Grant Allen, have taken a long step in the repudiation of moral responsibility in literature. It must be said in all candor that the author, if he had to deal with a subject so delicate, has done so with taste and discretion; and in some cases, to my knowledge, by readers of culture and spiritual sympathies, no unfavorable impression has been received; but rather an uplift at the thought that such a temptation may be overcome. It remains, however, that a preference for such subjects shows a decadent literary spirit, and is inimical to a pure, vigorous Christian life.

A wholesome story of pure love between a manly fellow and a modest girl is, to my thinking, a healthier diet for the imagination of our Christian youth, and a far

nobler sign of our civilization, than the hysterics of reform, the indelicacies of the woman question, and the theological gush which makes vicious characters shining saints at their last gasp. Novels of this sort, feverish, restless, gloomy and morbid, are the Dead Sea fruit of literature. This literary pessimism is an evidence of low vitality, of want of faith, barrenness of ideas and decadent art. As teachers of religion we have no petty one-sided interest in the novel; we do not value it as a medium of homiletical material, nor condemn it because wanting in the preachers' lessons. I frankly admit that a novel with a purpose gives me a prejudice against it, for even in the hands of such masters as Hall Caine and Amelia Barr the purpose has turned the preaching to rant and the reform ardor to melodrama. In the end it will ruin morals as well as fiction if the reader can see the candles, the ropes and tawdry properties of the stage behind the lay figure which the novelist sets up for a prophet or a preacher. We do not ask of the novel pious instruction, but we do claim of it, as of all literature and art, "the sense that life is good"; without this sense literature as religion is but dust and ashes.

But there are bright spots, nay, large sunlight areas of meadow, lake and wood, in the landscape of recent fiction. American literature is enriched by a noble national theme, worked out with true literary skill, in Hugh Wynne—a book that happily illustrates the religious value of true literature. "The author," says a critic in the *British Weekly*, "has a singular power of conceiving what is excellent in character, and of setting it in a situation that elicits virtue." There you have the whole subject of good and bad fiction in a nutshell. One rises from reading Hugh Wynne with an accession of mental vitality, a larger hope and a sweet sense of the love of life. The same perception of the moral excellence of great thoughts, even on the most humble and obscure lives, is seen in *Through Lattice Windows*. Solomon Gill is a Christian hero because even the work-house cannot separate him from Christ, nay, not even degrade him—"The dear Lord went lower nor that to save me." On all that rich vein of Drumtochty and Thrums gold of Maclaren's and Barrie's the thoughtful public has already set its broad seal of approval, and the characters have become our friends, while their experiences are a vital part of our religious life. The source of their power lies far back in race heritage and national character, for they picture the life of a race, furnishing that unflinching interest felt always by the common people in the tears and laughter of men of flesh and blood. It is not merely that they are racy of the soil, that the local color is correct, that humor and pathos are, as in real life, close together, and that the intellectual and moral ideas of the people are akin to the progressive thought of Europe and America; but the authors have seen that spiritual ideals of life alone dignify human nature, and thus they touched those perennial fountains of faith and hope which spring up in t

bosom of man with the joy and strength of eternal life.

It must be acknowledged that such books as *Marcella*, *A Singular Life* and *Marm Lisa*, with the strenuous note of reform, the equality of woman and the labor problem, show that fiction is not concerned alone with fashionable women, lords and millionaires rioting in material pleasures, but is interested in the struggles of the poor and the social aspirations of the common people. There is in such fiction a sincere thought, and a splendid sympathy with industrial conditions and the tragedy of modern life, that will make those characters as worthy of interest as Hamlet or Desdemona. Conventional habits of thought and methods of work may be somewhat wildly disregarded in the zeal of reform, but one safe, sane order of thought and purpose runs through them all—namely, the recognition of the claims of the common people to the fruits of Christian progress, and the need of going back to the example of the Founder of Christianity and first workers in the gospel.

Closely related to this lies the realistic movement which has wrought such havoc in reckless hands; but even books like *The Woodlanders*, *The Manxman* and *A Summer in Arcady* bring us face to face with phases of life which the religious parent and teacher are bound to consider. There is evidence abroad that the reason and modesty of intelligent authors are leading them to see that good art is really good morals; and the favor of the public can only be permanently secured by the writer who has a genuine regard for the sanctities of the home and the family.

Quo Vadis strikes a clear, commanding note and its influence is all for the spiritual conception of life. It has done noble service already among the more thoughtful people in presenting, in such telling contrast, the hard, cruel, even fiendish spirit of pagan Rome to the grace, love and purity of Christianity. It incidentally contrasts also the simplicity of the faith and the unselfishness of the lives of the early believers with the self-indulgence and worldly ideals of modern Christianity; but in this too it will do much good. In this age of criticism of the church and creeds, no literature is of more value than that which gives the long historical perspective of life and shows us the dark, ignoble picture of the pagan world without Christ and his church.

Books like *The Seats of the Mighty*, *Soldiers of Fortune*, *Lochinvar* and *On the Face of the Waters*, which give us the romance of history, stirring adventure and wholesome love, have such universal favor with the public that it must be accepted as a sign of a healthy love of nature and honest brave men and sweet modest women. The book that can take us out to the open, let us hear the jingle of the spurs like bells in the night ride, regale us with deeds of courage, tales of love and the quiet patience of faith are greatly helpful to good health, good temper and so good morals.

The trend of recent fiction shows clearly that the problems of the age, in spite of the discoveries of science and the exaltation of material comfort, are all spiritual; and there is a growing conviction that they must be spiritually solved. But the best service of recent fiction is the

creation of a few splendid characters, who must long remain a spiritual heritage of the race, such as Marget, the sainted mother; Dr. Maclure, the hero; Lady Maxwell, the calm, sufficient worker; Leebie, the devoted sister and delightful gossip; Jack Warder, the trusty and tender friend; and Hope Langham, the sweet and sympathetic lady love; for, after all, it is the physical and spiritual sanity of such genuine creations that permanently influence the religious life of the people.

The Religion of Shakespeare

BY W. J. ROLFE, LITT. D.

What was Shakespeare's religious belief? Books and essays have been written to prove that he was an infidel, a Roman Catholic and a good Churchman. They prove, at least, that he was no narrow or bigoted sectarian, who could be



This is a photograph of the replica of the Davenant Shakespeare in the Memorial Theater, Stratford, the original being in one of the London clubs. Tradition asserts that the original was once the property of Sir William Davenant. In some of its features it closely resembles the Kasselstadt death mask of Shakespeare, and some eminent Shakespearean authorities are disposed to accept it as one of the best authenticated portraits of Shakespeare.

easily labeled. He was no infidel, and his Christianity was too broad to be measured by the petty standards of the sects. His references to religious subjects seem to me to be proofs of genuine religious feeling. He was no saint and no preacher. Like the man in the story, he may have had no piety "to speak of," but when he has occasion to deal with sacred things he shows a reverence and a depth of feeling which appear to be really his own. I cannot think of them as merely put into the mouths of the characters because in keeping therewith; they are subjective and sympathetic. In many instances they are not necessary to the character. We should not miss them if they were omitted, and an irreligious man would, I believe, have omitted them—or, rather, they would not have occurred to him.

When the religious utterance is naturally suggested the subjective or personal element in it is none the less manifest. Take, for instance, the first brief passage that comes to my mind at the moment,

from the king's speech at the beginning of 1 Henry IV., where he is referring to his purposed crusade,

To chase those pagans in those holy fields,
Over whose acres walk'd those blessed feet,
Which, fourteen hundred years ago, were nail'd
For our advantage on the bitter cross.

Is there nothing more in that than the "admirable fooling" of the godless poet masquerading as the pious king? Or does it not come from the heart as it goes to the heart? If you nevertheless insist that it is Henry and not William, or William only as poet or artist, who utters these most reverent and pathetic words, what will you say of indisputably personal utterances, like the 146th sonnet?

Poor soul, the center of my sinful earth,
Press'd by those rebel powers that thee array,
Why dost thou pine within, and suffer dearth,
Painting thy outward walls so costly gay?
Why so large cost, having so short a lease,
Dost thou upon thy fading mansion spend?
Shall worms, inheritors of this excess,
Eat up thy charge? Is this thy body's end?
Then, soul, live thou upon thy servant's loss,
And let that pine to aggravate thy store;
Buy terms divine in selling hours of dross;
Within be fed, without be rich no more.
So shalt thou feed on death, that feeds on men,
And, death once dead, there's no more dying then.

An atheistic commentator sees nothing more in this than "a remonstrance with himself on spending too much, either on dress or outward self-indulgence, and exhorting himself to give it up for inward culture." Another gets scarcely nearer to the meaning by saying that "in this sonnet the poet reflects on the folly of bestowing excessive care on the body, the soul's outer covering and ministering servant; in conclusion, he expresses the resolution to attain immortality by nourishing the soul at the body's expense." He goes on to explain that the "immortality" he has in mind is "immortal renown, which is to be purchased by sacrificing a few years of life to intent study and enthusiastic literary work; feeding on his mortal body, he will feed on death and gain complete victory over him by a literary immortality."

The very first sentence of the sonnet is sufficient to prove that there is a deeper meaning in it than these critics have imagined. The apostrophe to the "poor soul," shut up in "sinful earth," with "rebel powers" in hostile array about it, is not mere self-reproach for extravagance in tailor's bills or bodily indulgence as opposed to intellectual culture. It is the life of the body as sinful, selfish, forgetful of the "body's end" and the life beyond, which the poet has in mind; living in this "fading mansion" and spending all one's energies upon its furnishing and adornment, as if it were one's home in perpetuity, and as if there were no mansion incorruptible wherein the soul should fit itself to dwell after the short lease of this earthly house has expired. The "terms divine" are the eternal years beyond the "hours of dross" we pass here. To "feed on death," as the context shows, is to be victor over death, and that victory once gained "there's no more dying then."

Whatever may have been Shakespeare's personal sins or weaknesses, his moral convictions were always sound and healthy. On human duty he speaks with no uncertain accent. As some one has said, "He habitually contemplates human duty and the better human feelings as sacred things, and invests with sanctity the natural and

instituted relations of life." The epithet "holy" is a favorite one with him in describing the ties and obligations of the filial, conjugal and social relations. The paramount duty of living for others is often set forth, but never, perhaps, more eloquently than in *Measure for Measure* [i. 1. 30-41], where the Duke is giving his commission to Angelo:

Thyself and thy belongings
Are not thine own so proper as to waste
Thyself upon thy virtues, them on thee.
Heaven doth with us as we with torches do—
Not light them for ourselves; for if our virtues
Did not go forth of us, 'twere all alike
As if we had them not. Spirits are not finely
touch'd
But to fine issues; nor nature never lends
The smallest scruple of her excellence,
But, like a thrifty goddess, she determines
Herself the glory of a creditor,
Both thanks and use.

Prof. Henry Morley, in a criticism upon *As You Like It*, speaks of Shakespeare's works as "a lay Bible," and they are such, he believes, not by chance, but of set purpose: "Shakespeare never allows evil to be overcome with evil; he invariably shows evil overcome with good, the discords of life healed only by man's love to God and his neighbor. Love God, love your neighbor; do your work, making the active business of life subject to the commandments upon which hang all the law and the prophets—Shakespeare's works contain no lessons that are not subordinate to these. Of dogmatism he is free. Of the true spirit of religion he is full, and it is for this reason that his works are a lay Bible."

I may add what Keble, the saintly singer of *The Christian Year*, says of our poet in one of the lectures he delivered as professor of poetry at Oxford:

Recollect, I beseech you, how you each felt when you read these plays for the first time. Do you not remember that all along as the drama proceeded you were led to take the part of whatsoever good and worthy characters it contained, and more especially when you reached the end and closed the book you felt that your inmost heart had received a stimulus which was calculated to urge you on to virtue; and to virtue not merely such as is apt, without much reality, to warm and excite the feelings of the young, but such as consists in the actual practice of a stricter, purer, more upright, more industrious, more religious life? . . . We need not hesitate, therefore, to conclude that he favored virtue from his very soul; more especially when we consider how widely different is the case with most of his contemporaries who devoted themselves, as he did, to writing for the stage.

It is worthy of note that we have the testimony of some of the holiest men of Shakespeare's time to his high character as a man. More than one divine paid such tribute to the actor and playwright. Dr. Adam Clarke, not without humor, said: "The man who has not read Shakespeare should have public prayers put up for him." The Puritan Milton, whose works show that he was a close student of the dramatist as well as a hearty admirer of him, has blended the expression of personal affection with eulogy of his genius in the well-known epitaph. To his brother-poet the dramatist is "my Shakespeare" and "dear son of memory," no less than the "great heir of fame" who needs no monument but his works and the "wonder and astonishment" they excite in his readers.

If you Presbyterianize your Congregationalism, your Congregationalism is gone.—Rev. Dr. Joseph Parker.

The Literary Output of 1897

BY JAMES MACARTHUR

A retrospect of the literary year which is now closing discloses some very remarkable features. Not for some years has there been so great a number of books deserving of high commendation. From first to last the important books of the year have been distinguished, not only by their exceptional success, but by their unusual literary quality. Notwithstanding the efforts of certain cantankerous critics to throw cold water on the current issues of literature in America, the amount of good work that has been produced in the past year is full of encouragement, and inspires one with a healthy optimism for the literary future of our country. This constant disparagement of American book products in its chronic grumbling has indeed almost become a disease. Some of these successes, to be sure, have come across seas, but so far as their appreciation and generous recognition by the American people is admitted the point holds good, for the critic aforesaid turns from the author and retaliates on the reader for encouraging the art, or rather the lack of it, in the author which he deprecates.

No fair-minded person can take even a cursory glance at the successful publications of the year without finding much that is exceptionally praiseworthy and much that he must be very grateful for. The tendency, too, on the whole, has not only been forward but upward, showing a higher moral reach and a purer atmosphere—away from the erotic and neurotic tastes of writers which in turn vitiated the tastes of their readers. The heart and conscience of the reading public, even when engrossed and steeped in vicious literature, retain their consciousness of whatsoever things are pure and lovely and true, and in throwing off the evil yoke, with that inevitable reaction which animates a healthy organism, they have their revenge in the end. For such work may attract and excite the palate for a time, but it is only a temporary excitement at the most; they have their little day and cease to be.

This question of conscience on the part of the reader is an interesting one and has been exercised during the year upon certain of its publications in a manner that leaves no doubt of its existence and of its sanity and power to preserve a healthy-minded attitude toward current literature. One essential that it calls for in the books that purport to treat seriously of life's issues is sincerity. It can pardon a great deal if only there pulsate through the work an earnest spirit and a sincere desire to be true to life which is characteristic of the best and highest art. But the *poseur*, the truckler to low standards of life, the dealer in hypocrisies and lies for the sake of making an effect or pandering to a taste—these are soon found out and condemned in the end by being neglected and forgotten. And again the Anglo-Saxon character rests its final test on the sacredness of the marriage bond, and the attitude of a writer to what is the keystone of ethics and art largely determines his position, his influence, his lasting power. It would be invidious here to demonstrate the truth of this statement by citing names and titles of the past year that would afford an illustration of this

striking contrast. A slight acquaintance with current literature will at once suggest the books themselves to the reader—he who runs may read.

The past year has witnessed another innovation worthy of remark. It is the custom of publishers to hold back their best books or books by prominent authors until the autumn. But the spring and early summer saw quite a few noteworthy books launched on the book market. There were *On the Face of the Waters*, *Soldiers of Fortune*, *The Forge in the Forest*, *The Choir Invisible*, *A Son of the Old Dominion*, *The Falcon of Langéac*, *The Great K and A Train Robbery*, *The Pomp of the Lavillettes*, *The Landlord of the Lion's Head*, *Uncle Bernac*, *Hilda Strafford*, to mention some titles of fiction; and in other departments we had *The Life of Nelson*, *Farthest North*, *Through Unknown African Countries*, and *Equality*. Some of these books have achieved a great success, others an unusually large one, but all have been recognized as exceptionally meritorious and have had more than an ordinary demand. Perhaps some of these books might have received a wider recognition had they been published in the so-called book buying season, but the fact remains that in spite of the accepted traditions regarding the unfavorable conditions governing book producing at this early season of the year the book reading public has been as ready to recognize genuine work and as enthusiastic in its appreciation of it.

An increased interest in the more serious works of literature is something that must be evident if as a people we are progressing toward that deep culture which an access of leisure and refinement ought to bring. We believe that we can see signs of this growth in the interest taken in such literature during the past year. The splendid reception accorded *The Life of Nelson*, Nansen's northern saga, works in travel and exploration, essays in criticism, new volumes of poetry, biographical studies, shows that, while the bulk of our reading consists of fiction, the interest in weightier matters is proportionately large. For example, the way in which edition after edition of the Tennyson memoir has been exhausted within the last few weeks certainly shows a disposition toward more thoughtful and studious reading, and it is the more remarkable in this case when we consider that the work is very expensive. It may be worth while to note here that while it is customary to disparage our interest in the fine arts, to protest against our utilitarianism and to retract from the love of letters in this country, it must not be forgotten that many Englishmen of letters were first recognized and appreciated on this side of the Atlantic. Carlyle and Stevenson and Du Maurier, to take three widely different literary characters at random, are instances upon record, and the great popularity with which *Quo Vadis* has been favored in this country is one that is contemporaneous with this writing.

The instantaneous success of one of the year's books, *The Choir Invisible*, brings out another characteristic of the American reader. An English reviewer, writing of this work, remarked that "our popular [English] taste, of the more cultivated kind, is very different from popu-

lar taste in America. Here we are just a little ashamed, or a little impatient, of the open display of earnest feeling in a novel. We like it involved in the characters, implied in the course of events. There are no such superior airs put on by cultivated American readers, who are more patient of sentiment, of explanation, of the disburdening of the heart. In *The Choir Invisible* Mr. Allen disburdens himself with great simplicity, revealing a very sympathetic and sensitive nature." And only the other day Max Pemberton, in commenting on the books which seem to be the favorites among his own works in America, observed: "It is an odd thing that the books which I feel contain my best work go best in America, and not so well in this country [England]. I think the Americans attach more importance to finding what I may call 'heart' in the work. Anything that is human and simple seems to go well in America. I don't think they care so much for the fanciful—I mean for the scientific romance." The conclusions reached by both these writers are very just and accurate. As an illustration of Mr. Pemberton's last remark we have only to point to the great success of Mr. H. G. Wells's fantastic romances in England and the slight interest which they have succeeded in awakening on this side. Indeed the work of his which has sold best here has been his bicycling romance, *The Wheels of Chance*, in which, for the nonce, he laid aside his curious scientific theories and gave us a simple, straightforward love story, with some very delightful and humorous characterization.

It is our conclusion from the foregoing premises that both in quality and quantity the past year has seen a distinct gain in popular literature. We say popular literature advisedly, for we do not propose to sit in the critic's chair and judge these books for posterity. To say what books shall live, what shall enjoy a few years' immortality and what shall pass into oblivion would be rash indeed. But the great soul of the world, it has been said, is just, after all, and readers have had good reason for giving their suffrages generously to certain books while so many others have been ignored or already forgotten. The critic's point of view is one thing, and we have no quarrel with it; the threshing machine is a very indispensable instrument in separating the wheat from the chaff. The taste of the reading masses does not primarily follow literary standards. Its election of certain books to popular favor is said to be largely a matter of caprice, but, baffling as may be the causes which lead to such choice, there is more reason back of it than is apparent. Charles Reade's recipe has some good sense in it: "Make 'em cry; make 'em laugh; make 'em wait." The appeal to the heart, to the sense of humor, the play on the human strings, touching them now to tears and now to laughter—it is this getting close to the comedy and tragedy of our little world, this appealing to the primitive instincts of humanity, that overcomes the reserve and wins the hearty good will and sympathy of the people. The personal relation existing between author and reader through the medium of a printed page which finds and binds them in a common brotherhood, the experience of that fel-

low feeling that makes us wondrous kind, is something peculiar, something intensely human, something vital, that only the writer himself can fully comprehend. It is, perhaps, the closest union that can knit two or more minds together in an intellectual fellowship, much closer than that which binds teacher and pupil or speaker and audience.

Another growing feature, strengthened by the experience of the last year, which marks a healthy influence at work is the increased popularity of dramatized modern fiction. That this form of dramatic art is acceptable and pleasing to a large extent has been proved by its success; that its introduction as an innovation on the stage is salutary and elevating is surely indisputable. With the exception of the *Seats of the Mighty* and Dr. Claudius we do not recall any failures in this field. There have been several additions this year outside of the two mentioned, all notable successes, and among other announcements there is the interesting one of a play founded on Ian Maclaren's famous stories. The play, which is called *Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush*, will be produced in New York immediately after the holidays. This new fad is likely to become a fashion that will be more prevalent before it passes, and its presence in the dramatic world is bound to have a beneficial effect.

Altogether the year has been a notable one, the most notable for a long time in our literary history. In closing it may not be without interest to name the books which, according to an approximate estimate, have been the best selling books of the year. The titles are limited to those volumes published after the middle of October, 1896, and up to the same date of this year, and are given in their order of sale:

Quo Vadis,
The Choir Invisible,
Soldiers of Fortune,
Sentimental Tommy,
On the Face of the Waters,
Kate Carnegie,
Equality,
The Pursuit of the House Boat,
Phroso,
The Christian,
Margaret Ogilvie,
Farthest North.

Of these it ought to be said that the sale of *Quo Vadis* has been forty per cent. higher than the two books following it, and they again have averaged fifty per cent. more in point of sale than the books which follow them.

Men's Work for Men

BY REV. ALBERT W. HITCHCOCK

The most extensive and successful organized effort among the churches for reaching men is the brotherhood—that of St. Andrew in the Episcopal Church, that of Andrew and Philip in the other denominations. They are precisely the same at the foundation and in their method and aim. They differ only in name and in denominational spirit. The Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip is a federation, having chapters in eighteen denominations, each with its own organization where this is possible, founded ten years ago in the Second Reformed Church, Reading, Pa. The biennial federal convention was held Nov. 11-14 with the mother chapter. The simple constitution pledges every member to the two essential rules of prayer and service. By them 10,000 men already are pledged to pray daily for young men and to make an effort every week, after the manner of their patron saints, Andrew

and Philip, to bring some man to Jesus or to the place where the gospel is preached.

This was an earnest body of delegates from many States and various church connections, most of them young, eager for the winning of men by the best, and surest way. The president of the Federal Council, Rev. R. W. Miller, the founder, presided. The *Star*, the monthly organ of the Brotherhood, was represented by Rev. J. G. Hamner, Jr.

The day sessions were taken up with discussion of methods and with a hopeful and suggestive comparison of the workings of a half-dozen different organizations for doing men's work. The Y. M. C. A., the Christian Industrial League, the Sunday Evening Club, the Federation of Churches of New York, Men's Bands and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew each sent a representative. Rev. I. W. Gowen of New Jersey capped the climax, however, in a dexterous use of the preceding speeches, by which he proved that all the work now done for men under many different organizations within the churches might easily and to great advantage be united under the star of the brotherhood. The churches are turning to the problem of reaching men as never before, and they demand the fullest co-operation with the strongest *esprit du corps*. The brotherhood is offered as a nucleus, with spiritual life and full adaptability of method for every local condition. Work among boys in the social life of the church, in charitable work, in mutual benefit organization, in city and country, was reported and discussed. Every one felt that this simple organization, beginning in the right place at the spirit of life, might accomplish great things for men through men.

The evening congregations were large and the addresses were able and inspiring. President Miller set forth the idea of The Kingdom as the watchword for the years to come. Major C. A. H. McCauley, quartermaster in the regular army, the first charter member, read a touching address, full of simple piety and earnest faith. Rev. J. B. Shaw, D. D., of New York city gave an address full of wit and wisdom on The Mission of the Brotherhood.

Another evening of good things was furnished by Rev. E. E. Baker, who spoke on the New Social Law; Rev. G. B. Stewart, D. D., who outlined the problems of good citizenship in a way to challenge effort; and Rev. S. M. Newman, D. D., who lifted his hearers into spiritual regions as he discussed The Brotherhood's Spiritual Training.

The closing day was Sunday, and a score of pulpits were thrown open to delegates. The last address was given by Rev. Josiah Strong, D. D., who discussed the signs of the times in his masterly way, indicating the vast physical transformation wrought by substituting machinery for muscle in this century. With this he compared the equally extensive change of thought, due to the appropriation of the scientific method. Then he showed how perfectly the religion of Christ is adapted alike to the new thought and the new conditions of physical and social life. At the close of the address the chancel in the stately St. Paul's Reformed Church was filled with visiting clergymen, and the other delegates took their places in a long line extending around the body of the church, linking hands while they sang, "Blest be the tie that binds."

There are seventy-eight chapters in Congregational churches, and about 300 in seventeen other denominations. Each local chapter is always bound to be under the complete control of the pastor. Rev. W. S. Kelsey, Berkeley Temple, Boston, is president of the Congregational Council, and Rev. E. N. Hardy of Quincy, Mass., is a member of the Federal Council, with Mr. C. E. White of the Central Church, Philadelphia, and Mr. H. D. Heathfield of Brookline, Rev. G. A. Hall of Peabody and Rev. A. W. Hitchcock of Newburyport. There is to be a conference of New England chapters and others interested in men's work for men within a few weeks.

The Memoir of Alfred Lord Tennyson, by His Son

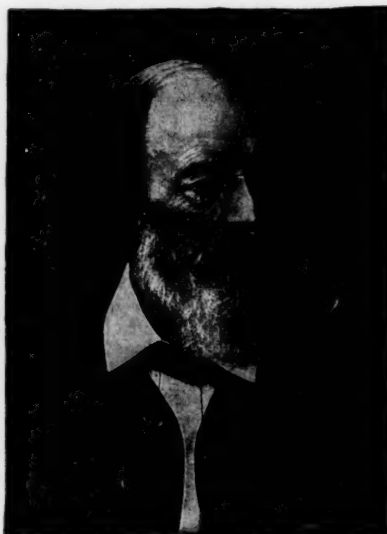
By Prof. John Franklin Genung, Amherst College

"The worth of a biography," said Tennyson in 1874 to his son Hallam, "depends on whether it is done by one who wholly loves the man whose life he writes, yet loves him with a discriminating love." To the first of these qualifications we naturally assign the uppermost place in the poet's mind, in his choice of this son, who also had long been his private secretary and intimate companion, to give the story of his life to the world. And the event proves that for the second, the sound discrimination and tact which while giving free course to filial love could also view the subject as it were from without, and in uncolored light, the poet's wisdom of selection was no less sure. That his biography should be written at all was less choice than necessity. "The poet's work is his life," he used to say, "and no one has a right to ask for more." But since beyond its right the world was sure to insist, his characteristic wish was that "the incidents of his life should be given as shortly as might be without comment, but that [the] notes should be final and full enough to preclude the chance of further and unauthentic biographies."

Here, then, after five years' work, lies the book before us in two shapely volumes; and the task, which must have been both arduous and delicate, is executed with a sureness of touch and taste that suggests almost a heritage of the father's genius applied in a new direction. An admirable record of a life that only gains with every access of light; the poetic gift in no whit dimmed, the man as he is better seen more massive, more lovable, more universally human.

Much as had been written about Tennyson, the first impression we get from this memoir is that it is so eminently revealing a book as practically to have extinguished all previous records, for the great need was not merely to get at the life's events, but rather to see its traits in their true coloring and proportion. Hating crowds and publicity as he always did, and being no voluminous letter-writer, he had little contact with the world except through his poetry; and while a few close friends understood and loved him, to those who met him casually his forthright plainness of speech, conjoined with a certain apprehensive shyness, which, as the case not seldom is, might on occasion blurt in

the guise of its opposite, gave sometimes the impression of a brusqueness wholly alien to his real nature. Besides it was hard to forget that youthful epithet, "the many-headed beast." As a consequence men guessed at him, and guessed wrong.



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ALFRED TENNYSON

Here in these volumes we have done with guessing; we see the great laureate as he really was, and it is a revelation in every way good to know.

As to the way in which the record has been made up, the modern standards of

old-time friends and inserted at the points where they possess the character of a contemporary account. It is thus that the son authenticates in large degree the record of many obscure years before his own memory begins, and for later years passes beyond the horizon of the home view. The other is the frank fullness yet tactful reserve, at polar remove from eulogy or vulgar Boswellizing, with which the filial chronicler has preserved anecdotes, scraps of remark and conversation, and, most interesting of all, the laureate's oral notes on his poems, on the poetic and literary art in general, and on the great thoughts of life of which his mind was so extraordinarily full. The composite yet homogeneous impression that we get from all these sources is very engaging. We are made aware of what we had too dimly suspected, how eminently loveable was the man, what geniality and humor pervaded his daily intercourse with family and friends; while under this surface, like the surge of the central sea, we feel the power of an utterly sincere mind, looking out upon life simply and sanely, and speaking its thought without fear.

To the student of literature, it hardly needs saying, these memorials of one of the greatest poetic artists of all time, opulent as they are from his teeming sense of truth and beauty, will prove a veritable *ars poetica*. But it will not do to let specialists monopolize the influence of a life so deep and many-sided. Even more truly the volumes lay their large grasp on the universal heart for which Ten-

nyson thought and wrote, the great body of earnest-thinking men to whom *In Memoriam* and *Crossing the Bar* are not workmanship but wisdom and uplifting inspiration. And the first element of their power lies in the fact that here was a man who with simple wholeness of heart lived for the highest things, gathering from every source, like the maidens of his vision,

... what is wise
and good
And graceful.

Not a headlong,
intrepid, spiritual
explorer, like

his great colleague Browning, his utterance is more balanced, more wrought to self-justifying completeness, and conceals its depth in its perfect clarity. His gift to his time, besides the untold influence of his rounded art, was a few great ideas, not startling in their novelty, but rooted in the profoundest human experience, exquisitely



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SUMMER-HOUSE (Vol. II, p. 6)

"A little summer-house in the meadow called Maiden's Croft, looking over Freshwater Bay and toward the downs. In this meadow Tennyson paced up and down, marking his lines; and then wrote them in his MS. book on the table of the summer-house, which he himself had designed and painted." Here, and in this way, *Enoch Arden* and *The Holy Grail* were written.

biography set the answer, so far as the fullest available use of letters, journals, critiques and the like serves to give the very form and pressure of each period. Two additional features, however, deserve special recognition for their value. One is the numerous passages of reminiscence, written at the son's request by

set in that atmosphere of beauty which fills our world of sense and spirit, and steered to a solution that may be depended on for time and eternity. To have made two or three great truths potent in a doubting, bewildered age—surely here was a service worthy of a long life's devotion. He it was who, when his matter-bounded time was standing dumb before the great fact of death, interrogated his own bereavement, and made "the voice of the human race speaking through him" declare for the reign and triumph of immortal love. He it was who for more than half a century, through the broadening outlooks of his creative mind, through the crowding events of a reckless civilization, carried with him, in the thought of King Arthur, a steadily rounding and brightening vision of "ideal manhood closed in real man," and put it stage by stage into epic song. He it was who, when youthful dreams

way belies or belittles it; nothing in his life needs apology or strain of interpretation. One of the most impressive features of the memoir is the manly frankness with which we are admitted to the companionship of a life without a trace of posing or histrionism, the *kehrseite* consisting with and, therefore, re-enforcing what the poems translate into word. Milton's ideal was that the poet should himself be a poem, and in his way of carrying it out, as we should expect, there was a touch of the grand style. If we may regard Tennyson's life as no less truly a poem, we look not for what is "grand, epic, homicidal," like his awful Princess, but rather an idyl of the hearth and home, an English idyl of native land with its rootage of established laws and tranquilly evolving histories, a very human and sincere idyl of the king; a true poem, but not a manufactured poem,

severe spirit and method in his own chosen field of discovery. It is this trait that enables us to understand how for so many years his was the steadying and upbuilding influence of the age; he could see the same perplexing problems, and, being an illuminated soul, could trace them out step by step toward the light. The memoir abounds with evidences of his oneness with the deepest thought and learning of his day. An extraordinary number of names, of highest eminence in science, art, philosophy, literature, statesmanship, are represented in these pages, by conversation, reminiscence, or familiar correspondence. And of each his own learning and insight make him the recognized peer.

Most centrally, most deeply of all, the life here portrayed was religious. Yet a main problem of the biographer's, as he told me in 1893, was so to set forth his



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FARRINGFORD (Vol. I., p. 412)

"It is Farringford that we regard as our home," said Emily Lady Tennyson to Professor Genung in 1893, "the other place, Aldworth, is our summer residence, selected originally as a refuge from hay-fever, to which Mr. Tennyson was subject."

faded and old age brought many a disillusion, cleaved "ever to the sunnier side of doubt," and showed the eternal heart of spiritual hope intact. It was thus that his gift of vital utterance, through many mellowing years, kept the mountain peaks of faith and spiritual manhood in view.

Such he has been to his century, and now in this memoir we see the outer life of the one whose genius caused so much of good to prevail. We see him dealing with the practical affairs of life and the world; moving among brothers, sisters, college-mates, fellow-authors, scholars; writing to friends and friends to him; ranging in talk over all conceivable topics, as he sits at table or walks over the Farringford downs; founding a home, and gaining recognition and honor from working men, scholars, royalty. And all is of one piece, one tissue. While his poems, as he maintained, are his true biography, because therein he gave the people of his best, what he kept in no

equally foreign on the one hand from preciousness and sentiment, and on the other from a goody pietism. "Be ye perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect," was his counsel once to a young collegian, "but don't be a prig." Level-headed, our slang speech would call this characteristic self-regulative, and so it was; the poem which was his life, though it might croon the lowliest things, was so set in the key of strong good sense that it seldom or never flatted the note.

In his habit of minute and accurate observation, in his homage to concrete fact, in his shunning of everything that he could not think clear or verify, the attitude of his mind was thoroughly scientific. This trait, while on the one hand it gave substance to his delicate notings of natural phenomena and his subtle turns of phrase and figure, placed him, on the other, at the focus of his time's great movement, giving him fellowship in the same earnest search for truth, as he applied the same

father's religious faith that men should not misunderstand; this not from any issue it made with ecclesiastical forms or bodies of doctrine, but from its very largeness and simplicity. If we call it a poet's religion, let not that term stand for something that loses itself in vague reverie or sentiment; such could not consist with Tennyson's mind; rather for the seer's creative insight, piercing beyond names and formulæ to the vital core of things. The chapter on In Memoriam is taken as the occasion to discuss, just as that poem pre-eminently embodies, what is definable of his creed. It is a creed that centers in immortal love, but staying not to name or theologize commits itself to that love as the regenerator of humanity, the hope for the course of human things, the life of the great unseen, as, in fine, both God and holiest manhood. From this vitalizing center all else radiates. The Word made flesh is clearly seen; but here again the historic name, while not ignored, is not

emphasized, because the love of which it is the incarnation, strong Son of God that is and Christ that is to be, fills as a living power the whole heart's vision. A faith so honest and clear-sighted cannot blink at sin nor explain it away; but as the poet grew older the larger hope that good will fall at last to every creature seemed, in spite of his more poignant realization of concrete evils, to assert itself as a more settled trust. For indeed all his creed seemed increasingly to melt into the light of an immortal future in which love should solve all enigmas, and his calm, hopeful approach to that future, reflecting its light more clearly with every nearing step, gave a wonderful beauty to his declining days, verifying Rabbi Ben Ezra's forecast of ripe old age.

The best is yet to be,
The last of life, for which the first was made.

No one need misunderstand the religion that crowns and beautifies such a life.

We rise from these noble volumes as from the genial hospitality and wise conversation of a friend, yet not without a chastened reverence as if we had joined in the observance of a memorial service. The great laureate's poetry, like all other, must submit to the sifting of time and the invasion of new vogues of thought. The beauty of his life, in its setting of sincerity and strength, its sanity of vision and its spiritual wholeness, will stand undimmed among the rich possessions and inspirations of the world.

Professor Cheyne of Oxford

THE TEACHER AND THE MAN
BY CHARLES S. MACFARLAND

Among our eminent visitors from abroad in recent years none stands higher in his department of labor than Prof. T. K. Cheyne, M. A., D. D., Oriel professor of the interpretation of Holy Scripture at Oxford. He is delivering lectures this year at a number of institutions.

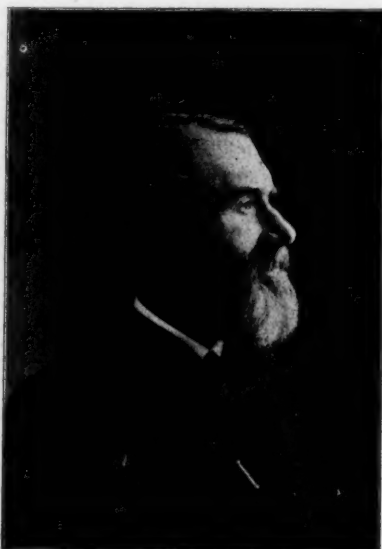
Professor Cheyne was born in London in 1841, and received his early education at Merchant Taylor's School and at Worcester College, Oxford. He has been from early youth a painstaking student of the Old Testament. Even when a boy he preferred his grandfather's library to the playground. He was among the earliest of present day scholars to accept definitely modern critical views. His *Notes and Criticisms on the Hebrew Text of Israel*, in which he gave expression to modern critical principles, was printed when he was only twenty-eight years of age.

As a critic he is bold, daring and without the caution of scholars like Driver. He holds that modern critical methods find justification in the free attitude of Jesus towards the Law. He believes that an entire reconstruction of Israelitish history is necessary and that the results of modern criticism are of permanent value. The fact that he is a ceaseless student makes it necessary that in succeeding editions of his books he should change and correct previous conclusions. Hence one always needs to be sure that he is using the last edition of Cheyne. This, however, is the necessary result of constant study, and does not verify the charge of his critics that he accepts and

adopts the conclusions of the latest German production which he reads.

Students are fascinated by his brilliancy and suggestiveness. He complains that many modern scholars make the mistake of using poor translations of uncorrected texts. For himself, he does not translate from a received text, but chooses his text and makes his own translation. He believes that a real and abiding interest in the Jewish Scriptures and in Jewish history can only be aroused by relieving these of all unnaturalness, and that this can only be done by modern critical methods.

But he urges that this be done in a reverent spirit. He believes that the same One who inspired the writers will direct the critics. He thinks, moreover, that these methods should not be confined to the theological school and the preacher's study, but that they ought to be applied to popular teaching and preaching. This,



he claims, would recover for the Bible its old fascination and interest. He has himself carried this out. His volume, *The Hallowing of Criticism*, contains a series of sermons preached with this end in view.

He holds that common sense and the imagination are necessary in exegesis, and that a happy intuition often throws light on a perplexing passage. These, he says, are not accidental, but are the result of spiritual sympathy with the author. While Professor Cheyne's work is in the nature of it destructive, one also sees in it his effort to construct as well, and that his purpose is to contribute to the construction of an improved Christian apologetic for his age.

When we turn from Professor Cheyne the critic to Canon Cheyne the man, we meet with a startling change. One who knows him only through his books has an inadequate and even perverted conception of the man. Turning from the bold, venturesome and sometimes even combative critic, we find in Professor Cheyne a small, spare, stooping Englishman, with a pleasant smile, a kindly countenance and a modest appearance. He bears the mark of physical weakness. He is humble even to meekness, diffident, nervous and retiring. He impresses one unmistakably as a lovable, devout and reverent

man. Knowing his works and knowing the man, one sees the unusual combination of the rationalist and the mystic.

There are those, like Wellhausen, who have charged Professor Cheyne with self-confidence and conceit. There is indeed a strong personal element in his books, but one who comes into personal touch with Professor Cheyne finds the negative of such a charge, and we must attribute this opposite impression rather to the natural frankness and *naïveté* of the man. His confidence is in the truth, not in himself. He shows a most kindly feeling for his most adverse critics. It would be well if those to whom the term higher criticism is synonymous with irreverence and stolid unspirituality could come into touch with so devout, reverent and simple a man as Professor Cheyne.

As a lecturer Professor Cheyne would not be considered a popular success. His literary style is pure and appropriate. His voice is strong and clear, but his delivery is marked by a rather unpleasant intonation and an inflection without regard to emphasis, which, however, one does not mind so much after hearing him once or twice. Owing to defective sight, he holds his manuscript near to his eyes and never once looks at his audience. Indeed, he hardly seems conscious of an audience. His lecture is relieved by no flash of humor and contains no tone of levity. He fails to leave his study behind him and consequently his lectures are rather too technical for many except special students. He often assumes critical ground at which his hearers not only have not arrived, but of which they know nothing. He lectures with much the same boldness with which he writes, and has an air of confidence which, however, is entirely dissipated the moment he leaves the platform and gets back into the world around him.

Besides his professorship at Oxford Professor Cheyne holds the canonry of Rochester, and when his Oxford vacation begins he enters on his work in his parish. His most valuable works are on the Psalms and on Isaiah and the other prophets. No thorough student of the Scriptures can afford to neglect a thorough consideration of these works.

Professor Cheyne's general subject in his present lectures is Jewish Religious Life After the Exile. His appointments during his present visit include Andover, Brown, Cornell, Johns Hopkins, Union Seminary, the University of Pennsylvania, Yale, and he will also lecture in the Lowell Institute and Brooklyn Institute courses. He returns to Oxford in January. His travels have been mainly in Oriental countries and this is his first visit to America. He is accompanied by Mrs. Cheyne, a woman of quiet dignity and marked graciousness of manner.

One may retire beyond Jordan, and, roughly clad and simply fed, may thunder timely messages to one's generation, but that is in the days of the forerunner. In the days of the Son of Man it is necessary to mix with men, to come eating and drinking, to be at their feasts and lamentations, to be a citizen, to exchange thoughts in the streets, to preach upon the mountain side, to go into the houses, to court and encourage the personal conversations with those who may be seekers, to live in the crowd, and to die between malefactors, winning some to God, execrated by others.—*Rev. Charles A. Berry.*

Pencilings

BY A PERIPATETIC



Are our souls immortal? No more important question than this is asked by the human mind, and any light which will enable men to see that an affirmative answer is to be welcomed, whether the torch be borne by a scientist, a poet-seer or a devout Christian interpreter of the New Testament evidence. Thanks to the donor of the funds which founded the Ingersoll lecture on Immortality at Harvard University, we seem to be certain of discussions of this theme such as can only be had at the bidding of a great university. Last year Rev. Dr. George A. Gordon began the series with a lecture afterwards published in his book, *Immortality and the New Theodicy*.

This year William James, professor of psychology at Harvard, well known here and abroad as one of the ablest of the exponents of the new school of psychology, gave the lecture, and next year it may be a great biologist like Professor Osborn of Columbia or Welch of Johns Hopkins or a great authority on psychical manifestations, telepathy, etc., like Mr. F. W. H. Myers of England, the point being that this foundation provides opportunity for light to stream in on this problem from every quarter of God's heaven of truth.

Professor James must have felt flattered at the size and the quality of the audience which gathered to hear him, and yet with such a theme and his prior reputation as a lucid and illuminating lecturer on the most recondite of subjects any other condition of affairs would have been surprising. Professor James's lecture doubtless will soon be published. It certainly should be. When read it will be found to combat two objections to the doctrine of the immortality of souls which have been raised since evolution became the working hypothesis of scientists and the scalpel and the microscope conspired to reveal the structure and workings of the human brain.

"When the brain ceases to be alive the soul ceases to live," say many devotees of science. "Not so," says Professor James, at least not inevitably so, for the brain may be a transmissive medium for rather than an originating source of consciousness, and since such a view is quite as philosophical and tenable as the more materialistic view which makes thought simply a product of matter, therefore it is permissible for a physiological psychologist to believe that the individual consciousness survives the death of its medium of expression hitherto.

"But," says one, to whom the newer revelations respecting the age of the human race and the consequent multiplication of souls during the centuries have come with overwhelming force, "it is impossible that these billions of men still exist in the other world. Their spirits must have been resolved into spirit. It is inconceivable that they should retain individuality, and not at all inviting, even if conceivable. Who cares to live with the multitudes of Chinese, for instance, even in celestial spheres?" To him Professor James replies: "The scientific spirit and research which have revealed the enormous proportions of human life have revealed also a cosmos infinitely greater, wherein souls released from finite limitations can live without fear of treading on each other's toes—still using finite metaphors. But, even were that not

so, the idea of an aristocracy in the future state cannot be tolerated for a moment. He who created Babylonian, Chinaman and Eskimo will see to it that their title to immortality is not dependent upon our racial or personal prejudices." I have very imperfectly indicated the substance of this brilliant lecture. It would be even more difficult to describe the flashes of wit and humor that irradiated it and the charming English in which it was expressed. If I must choose between the two brothers, Henry or William James, I prefer the elder brother, not only because he is far healthier and saner and more optimistic in his thought, and thus doing more good in the world, not only because he is satisfied with his native land as a place of residence, but also because he writes better English. This may seem a hard saying to the admirers of Henry James, but I am willing to rest my verdict on any reader's comparison of Professor James's last book, *The Will to Believe*, and Henry James's last novel, *What Maisie Knew*.



The amenities of English political life are peculiar and in many ways worthy of imitation by our political leaders. From my window in lodgings opposite the castle gate, Warwick, last May I saw Lord Rosebery and Mr. Asquith, the Liberal leaders, and Mr. Arthur Balfour, the Tory leader in the House of Commons, enter the domain of the Earl of Warwick, to be his guests there over Sunday. It is easy to imagine these political rivals spending Saturday and Sunday evenings in sweet converse. I know that they attended service at St. Mary's the next morning, and I was informed by a retainer at the castle that they spent Sunday afternoon playing croquet and speeding up and down the Avon in the Earl of Warwick's steam launch. "A stone that goes up must come down," and those who go in must come out. When the castle gates opened on Monday I was in the saddle of my bicycle prepared to escort the distinguished politicians to the railway station. This may seem to have been presumptuous, but England is a comparatively free country and "a cat may look at the queen." Twenty minutes' scrutiny of Lord Rosebery as he rode to the station and there awaited the London train furnished an opportunity for certain impressions to be formed. I understand now why he never has won and never can win the entire confidence of the Liberal electorate. His rubicund face, his jaunty air and dandyish attire, his partial if not complete servitude to the things of the flesh—such as cigarettes and liquor—are not surprising to one who knows of his patronage of the turf and his other worldly proclivities. One looks in vain for a light in the eye and an expression of the mouth telling of elevation of soul or fixity of purpose. I am perfectly aware that Lord Rosebery can write an excellent biography of Pitt, analyze the poetry of Burns with nicety of shading and give himself heartily to championship of many of the dearest projects of democracy. But one cannot but help feeling that he would have counted for more as a moral and political force in England if he had not been born with a golden spoon in his mouth. Mr. Asquith has a face of far greater strength, and bids fair to be the Liberal leader of the future if he will only consecrate his abilities and not forsake the ideals of his youth. But alas! he too begins to show the

baneful influence of sudden accession of wealth and fame.

Fortunately for mankind, there are those who conquer when seeming to fail, while others, alas! fail when seeming to conquer. Prince Pierre Krapotkin, the Russian scientist and anarchist, was as well born as Lord Rosebery. Compliance with the customs and adherence to the political ideals of those among whom he was reared would have insured him power, wealth, pleasure. Today he lives in enforced exile in London. He knows by personal experience the horrors of Russian and French prisons, and is dependent upon his literary product for his livelihood. Why? Solely because he chose to become the champion of the masses, because he exposed the horrors of the Russian penal system, because he dared to think for himself. Wielding a powerful pen and possessing great knowledge of science, he was too dangerous a man to be permitted to live at liberty, so Russia immured him in prison. Escaping to Switzerland, Russia forced that republic to turn him adrift. Taking up his abode in France, charges against him were trumped up, and again he was incarcerated France weakly playing the Russian game. Outraged science then arose, and an international petition from scientific men secured his release from the French prison. London then became his domicile, and there, with Stepniak and other Russians, he has lived in security, free to pursue his propaganda and near a market for his admirable popular expositions of the latest triumphs of science. To many in Boston who knew him hitherto chiefly in this rôle, it has been a source of great pleasure recently to see him face to face and to listen to his addresses on various aspects of the social problem of Christendom. He is not a comely man either in figure or face. The airs and manners of the court he apparently left behind when he became the censor of autoeracy and the prophet of anarchy. Food and raiment to him are insignificant matters compared with scientific facts and liberty of thought and act for the individual.



These are days when an Arctic explorer does not fail of popular adoration and financial reward, providing he achieves something and knows how to market himself and his new information. Having made one small fortune from the sale of his book to European and American publishers, Nansen, —the Norwegian reincarnation of an ancient Viking—is now making another by his tour in Great Britain and the United States. Wherever he goes immense audiences of best quality flock to hear him tell with simple eloquence and moving power the story of the three years' struggle against the elements. Without disparaging at all the importance of the facts which Nansen has to make public to his fellow-scientists and the public, or minimizing in any way the pleasure that is given by the real eloquence of his spoken as well as written narrative, it remains true that the desire which is strongest in the hearts of those who flock to his lectures is one which may be voiced thus: "Let us see a man! In this *fin de siècle* period, when courage is below par among European potentates and American public men, let us rest up our eyes upon a man with virility, one who will hazard life in an effort to prove his faith in a principle. In these days of eroticism in literature and art, when

authors, hitherto respectable, at any moment may be found wallowing in the mire of realism—witness Mrs. Hodgson Burnett and Henry James—let us see a man who is manly, temperate, virtuous, heroic, approaching the ideal." Nor are they disappointed. Tall, lithe, shapely, with a well-formed head, honest face, clear blue eyes, and the ruddy skin that indicates the perfection of physical condition, he stands forth—despite the disfiguring dress suit—the ideal personification of some of the virtues that society somehow must perpetuate in its men if we are to escape the fate of Greece and Rome.

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Some of those who have come to the defense of the reputation of the late Charles A. Dana of the New York *Sun* have seemed to be willing to bespatter the reputation of Horace Greeley if thereby it can be made to seem that without Mr. Dana the ante-bellum New York *Tribune* would never have amounted to much. My opinion is that they might be about better business. Horace Greeley may not have had as much acumen of a certain sort or as much knowledge of men and the world as Mr. Dana had, but he had what was far better, namely, moral convictions, ethical standards, with which he did not play fast and loose, and his heart was one which knew no rancor. The following letter, written by Mr. Greeley to one who wished to contribute to the *Tribune*, has never been published before. The original is in my possession. In chirography and style it is characteristic of the man. Many an editor will know how to sympathize with Mr. Greeley:

NEW YORK, Dec. 30, 1851.

Dear Sir: A man wants the bread of employment and we give him, instead, the abominably hard and unpalatable stone of advice—good advice, I believe they call it; but I never understood that such characterizing came from the receivers thereof.

You tell me that you have written for the press, and that your sketches were popular and passed through several editions. Yet here you are in mature life, having (or having had) the ear of the public, and yet "on your last legs," or very nearly in that latitude, according to your last observation. . . . My dear sir, doesn't this simple statement prove one of two things—either that writing for the press is not your proper vocation, or that said vocation is horribly overcrowded, and that among the eels (or vipers) in the jar whose heads are at or near the surface you are not one?

But enough of this. You ask me if I could not print some sketches from your pen. My answer is that I cannot get room for *my own* editorials, which I cruelly want to publish and doubtless value a good deal higher than the public ever will. News! News! Forrest trial, Congressional job, Kossuth! Kossuth! Ship News, Foreign News, etc. . . . It is only once in a while that I can get in an article that *can* be left out on a pinch—and a pinch there always is. I remember your sketches and thought them fair, but I can't print anything that I don't feel obliged to.

Yours, HORACE GREELEY.

J—R—D—, Esq.

P. S. Dana (my first assistant) has just read your poem and cocks his nose at it. I am afraid it won't go with us.

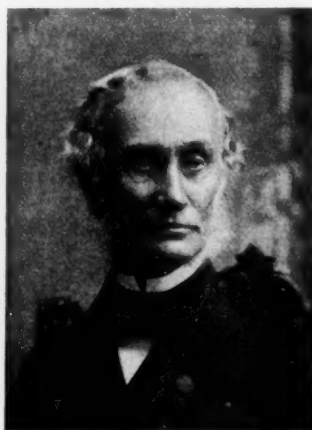
How aptly Mr. Greeley described Mr. Dana's chronic attitude.

There are two phrases of our Lord which the ingenuity of man has failed, I venture to say, to explain away successfully. Those two phrases remain in their terrible warning. We cannot get rid of them. Our Lord talks about the eternal sin which shall not be forgiven, either in this world or in the world to come; not, surely, because God is unwilling to forgive, but because God himself will not alter the constitution of the moral world. A character may deteriorate so that it has lost the very capacity for change or improvement. And there is another passage in which our Lord solemnly says of one particular individual, "It were good for that man if he had never been born."—*Canon Gore*.

Sixty Years in the Ministry

Beloved and honored alike by Christians and unbelievers, Rev. Dr. S. G. Buckingham, the father of the Springfield ministry and pastor emeritus of South Church, has arrived at the ripe age of fourscore and five years. In his house overlooking the city, which has, as it were, grown up under his fatherly care and guidance, his birthday was celebrated Thursday, Nov. 18. During the informal reception many friends called to express congratulations, but the hearts of many others went out to the aged shepherd of souls with that love and veneration begotten only by a life blameless and useful, full of good deeds and kind words.

It was this veneration which took visible form at the recent laying of the corner stone of the new high school, when more than 10,000 persons were assembled and Dr. Buckingham pronounced the benediction at the close of the exercises. As the sainted clergyman rose and, supported on either side by his younger associates in the ministry, extended his hands in blessing, heads were bowed in reverence which perhaps never before paid homage to



DR. S. G. BUCKINGHAM

God or Christianity, and hats were lifted probably for the first time during prayer.

Born of the stanchest Puritan stock in the little town of Lebanon, Ct., Dr. Buckingham's early training was the foundation of his long and useful career. From the same family came Connecticut's war governor, William A. Buckingham. The monument of one brother, erected in the State capitol, expresses the esteem of the people of Connecticut; the other has erected for himself a living monument in the hearts of nearly three generations which have felt his benign influence. The minister was graduated from Yale College with the class of 1833, and studied theology at Yale Seminary the following three years. He was ordained and settled as pastor of a church in Millbury, Mass., in 1837, coming to South Church in 1847 as the successor of his brother-in-law, Pres. Noah Porter of Yale, the church then having a membership of 157.

During his pastorate, South Church erected the magnificent edifice in which it now worships, and when, in 1885, he became pastor emeritus, the membership was treble that at the beginning of his work, while a far greater number had been connected with the church and gone to the missions established, now Hope and Faith Churches, or to other fields.

In his old age the venerable brother is reaping the reward of a good life. Since the death of his wife, his daughter has been his constant companion and helpmeet. No business or household care is permitted to come to his attention and his life is always peaceful and serene. His health is quite good, in fact, better than in the summer, when it was considered unwise to attempt a celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of his pastorate.

One of the largest public schools in the city

bears his name and there are many other tributes of esteem to perpetuate his memory. That he may be spared yet many more years as a living example of goodness and upright Christianity is the heartfelt prayer of a whole city.

C. F. D.

Recent Doings in Cincinnati

An exceedingly interesting recent event was the reception given by Walnut Hills Church to the new pastor, Rev. J. R. Danforth, D. D., and his wife. The church parlors were beautifully decorated, and, after the formal presentation and the delightful informal commingling of many friends, the company was seated at the tables where the young people served refreshments. General Warner, a leading member of the church, was master of ceremonies, and called on Dr. Smith, the new president of Lane Seminary, who happily voiced the greetings of that institution. The pastors of Congregational churches, and pastors from all the leading churches of the vicinity, shared the hopes and hospitality of this important parish. Dr. Danforth responded feelingly to the generous welcome.

The Inter-Seminary Missionary Alliance was held at Lane Seminary. The enrollment was not so large as before the division into eastern and western branches, but about fifty delegates from twelve seminaries and eight denominations were present. A marked feature was the address by Dr. J. H. Barrows, which, though it was his fourth in the city within twenty-four hours, held the vast audience almost spellbound for seventy minutes. Mr. R. P. Wilder, secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement, spoke on *The Crisis in India*, and a day was wisely given up to conferences, where the great facts, aims and obstacles of the mission field at home and abroad were discussed. On Sunday twenty of the city churches listened to the visiting students. In the afternoon Prof. E. L. Bosworth of Oberlin gave a remarkable address on *Success in the Ministry*, and the *Spiritual Qualifications Essential for Its Attainment*. It was intended for young men soon to enter the ministry, but it was also greatly appreciated by the ministers and laymen present. The final address, by Mr. Wilder, was the occasion of a deep searching of heart and much prayer for the "Spirit-filled life." The tone of the whole meeting was high and the influence will be far-reaching.

Since the smoke of political battle has cleared, we begin to see some of the important results. There were but two real tickets. One was the Republican, or Cox, ticket; the other the Democratic-Fusion. George B. Cox is in Cincinnati what Mr. Platt is in New York. He is a man of great executive ability and has made more money in politics than he did formerly in the saloon business. But despite schemes and plots his ticket went down before an indignant public sentiment. The real fight against him was by John R. McLean, owner of the *Enquirer*, the vilest sheet published in the city. But both "bosses" were defeated; for, while Mr. McLean seemed politically unselfish, his real object was a seat in the United States Senate, a place which was captured by Mark Hanna. The outcome is that we have a mayor and other city officers pledged to reform measures. Gamblers and violators of the "closing ordinance" have been warned, and good people are waiting to see whether the warning is serious.

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W. Robertson Nicoll of the *British Weekly* says that "Nonconformity never rose to such a height of power in London as it has attained today. . . . Our preachers, broadly speaking, are more and more engaged, not with the surface but with the roots of life." He is "persuaded that one great cause of this is the increased attention which Nonconformists are paying to theological training," a training that is already "far superior to that given in the Church of England."

THE HOME

Dedication of a Guest-Book

TO J. W. A.

BY HARRIET MCEWEN KIMBALL.

In this book I pray you see
Not what is, but what may be,
When on these expectant pages,
Poets, scholars, priests and sages,
And the friends who only claim
At your hands that gracious name,
As your guests from day to day
Chronicle in brief their stay.
Of this goodly company
As the herald reckon me.

Wit and wisdom, prose and verse,
Graceful lyric, proverb terse,
From the pens of kith and kin,
Swell the pleasant store within—
Cherished names and names renowned
Make these barren leaves abound;
Year by year the volume grow
Till it reach its overflow!
But however rich at last
As a record of the past,
Richer record will it be
Of your hospitality.

Life that shifts with wind and tide
Keep for you one steadfast side;
One thing keep untouched by pain;
All your friends your friends remain!
Keep your home that happy spot
Where old ties are unforgot;
Where no link of love is lost;
Where no trust by doubt is crossed.
This dear boon to consummate
Holy angels guard your gate!

Morals as Related
to Health

That was a suggestive sentence uttered not long ago by an eminent physician at a meeting of the Massachusetts Medical Society: "The conclusion is forced upon us that a high physical condition of the race is impossible without a high moral condition, with the self-restraint which this implies. And hence that even for the physical uplifting of the race science requires the aid of religion." Thus is the appeal to live a righteous life, which young people in particular expect to hear from the pulpit, re-enforced by the sober judgment of one who looks at humanity chiefly in its physical aspects. Such words, too, are an encouragement to parents who find it difficult, in these days of lax discipline, to teach their children self-restraint. It is much easier to yield to the imperious juvenile will, like Harvey's mother in Captains Courageous, than to resist it. But the thought that a child will be actually stronger in body, as well as in character, from the exercise of self-control is an added incentive to train him in the practice of this old-fashioned virtue.

The Responsibility
of Knowledge

"Knowledge is a treasure of which, like money, we are stewards," wrote Anna Eliot Ticknor to a young student. In the recently issued volume in memory of Miss Ticknor and her work as founder and director of the Society to Encourage Studies at Home, we see how constantly she exemplified and inculcated in others the obligation of every cultured and educated person to help those who have had lesser opportunities of intellectual enlargement. The same spirit characterizes the whole history of this correspondence school. Miss Ticknor's desire to share her exceptional

advantages with women whose homes were far away from the centers of learning led to its inception. The teachers, or correspondents as they were called, at times numbering over a hundred, freely gave their services, some of them for a term of twenty years. Frequently when a pupil became proficient in any one branch she was privileged to take her place among the teachers, and nothing pleased Miss Ticknor more than to find that one of the students in a home isolated from libraries and schools was passing on to others the good she received from the society by gathering a class or a reading circle. The mere pleasure of reading and study, the gratification of a thirst for knowledge, the cultivation of scholarly tastes and habits, as ends in themselves, will seem selfish after reading this little book.

A Unique
Library

Although the Society to Encourage Study at Home no longer exists, its influence is still felt in many homes and clubs and its work is in a measure continued in the Anna Ticknor Library Association. The object of this new organization is to maintain and increase the library given to it by the old society, to furnish books, photographs and scientific material to students in their homes and to guide them, when desired, by supplying lists for courses of study. In its workings it resembles an ordinary circulating library except that its loans are made by mail. The visitor to the pleasant rooms of the association at Trinity Court, Boston, will see, however, as he runs his eyes over the bookshelves, many volumes not to be found in any other circulating library, nor in many town libraries, while few students could afford to buy such valuable works on art, science, history and literature. The library is especially helpful to women's clubs, many of which received their first impulse from the Society to Encourage Study at Home, and the association undertakes to prepare for clubs special programs and references for study and in many cases arranges for personal guidance by skilled teachers. We hope that the advantages offered by this unique library will be appreciated and used so widely that self-support may be speedily assured.

Poets of Childhood

BY CLINTON SCOLLARD

The children of today are vastly more fortunate than those of the past, for not only have they story-tellers who possess the secret of enchantment, but also poets who know well the manifold emotions that stir the child heart. Hitherto we have had poets who have written about childhood, verse of interest to mature readers, but far above the heads of the average boy or girl. Young folk before they approach their teens are not, as a rule, sentimental, and much of the children's verse of bygone decades is either silly and meaningless or full of a teary sentimentality.

The normal child is imaginative, fanciful. To many a little man a lath is a sword or lance; to many a little maid a daisy-chain is a princess's crown. This potency of the imagination has ever been patent in the child, and why the poets who have written for children have

been so slow to realize and to appeal to it we cannot say. But the children's poets have at last arrived, and how much the little ones have to be thankful for! Nor are the grown boys and girls shut out from the feast.

As Stevenson is the master of magic in the story-teller's art (how the boy who has yet to read *Treasure Island* and *Kidnapped* is to be envied!), so is he also the Aladdin of children's poets. He has but to rub that mysterious lamp, his fancy, and straightway an enchanted garden appears, where dumb soldiers lie hidden, where obliging gardeners play at "Indian wars," where surprising birds "flutter and quarrel" and there is a fairy for every flower. That there was in Stevenson's heart the abiding spirit of youth his prose work bears ample testimony, but we have to turn to his *Child's Garden of Verses* to see how closely he was in touch with all that delights the young. To what beguiling countries does he introduce his boy and girl readers, and those who listen while mother reads—to the Land of Nod, the "pleasant Land of Counterpane," the Land of Play and the "dear Land of Story Books!" How he enters into all the joys of childhood—seeing with youthful eyes "armies in the fire," finding treasures, building marvelous block cities, hearing the wind like a horseman gallop to and fro over the earth! Stevenson was aware that every boy is a traveler, an explorer, roaming in his imagination up and down the world; that every boy would

Like to rise and go
Where the golden apples grow;

would like to behold

Where the great wall round China goes;

would like to

Find the toys
Of the old Egyptian boys.

His verses show the whimsical as well as the adventurous side of child nature. Who but a naïve child would thus view the cow?

The friendly cow all red and white
I love with all my heart.
She gives me cream *with all her might*,
To eat with apple tart.

At every turn in the *Child's Garden* a new phase of thought is revealed. How natural it is that the boy who climbs into the cherry tree should look out afar, and dream of lands whither the white road leads, where

All the playthings come alive!

How real, too, the child who, after being put to bed, sees

Armies and emperors and kings,
All carrying different kinds of things!

Stevenson's verses are breezy and free, redolent of out of doors. In the child who cannot enjoy them something must be lacking, and as for the grown person who is not moved by their inimitable charm, that one has missed the bliss of being young.

Riley's boys and girls are country born and bred—little folk who have always known the delights of roving under the open sky, who have listened to bird secrets, who are familiar with the "tip-up's" haunts and the home of the hermit thrush, who have waded in cool shallows in the hot August days, and who have pulled candy and popped corn in the great kitchen on chill winter evenings. It is not the correct language of their grammars that these small people speak but a

very real and childlike tongue of their own, quaint and often laughter-moving. Riley's children, although they have plenty of imagination, do not savor of the imaginary. They are actual. The observing youngster who tells of a fishing excursion upon which he went with his father and mother is just the same sort of a little chap that you or I listened to yesterday or the day before. The adventures of *The Runaway*, too, are taken directly from life:

Wunst I sassed my pa, an' he
Won't stand that, an' punished me—
Nen when he was gone that day,
I slipped out an' runned away.

Some of us may, perhaps, recall a similar experience, if we are still on good terms with memory.

Riley's "Raggedy Man who works fer pa" is a most delightful person, rather more engaging than "Lizabuth Ann," for whom he milks the cow, and for whom it would appear he has a mysterious fondness. What child would not be fascinated by this wonderful individual, who is "the goodest man you ever saw," who possesses all sorts of accomplishments, and who

Knows 'bout Giants, an' 'Griffuns, an' 'Elves,
An' the Squidgleum-Squees 'at swallers themselves!

Yes, notwithstanding the attractive qualities of "Little Orphant Annie" and her remarkable "Gobble-uns," it is the "Raggedy Man" who most endears himself to the child heart.

Stevenson is by no means without humor, but Riley possesses it in a more marked degree. Often he throws a kind of whimsical abandon into his lines that is altogether captivating. No one but the Indiana poet would draw so wholly fantastic and mirth provoking a picture of the Man in the Moon as this:

O, the Man in the Moon has a creak in his back;
Whee!
Whimm!
Ain't you sorry for him?
And a mole on his nose that is purple and black;
And his eyes are so weak that they water and run
If he dares to *dream* even he looks at the sun—
So he jes' dreams of stars as the doctors advise—
My!
Eyes!
But isn't he wise—
To jes' dream of stars as the doctors advise?

Most of Field's poems for children are genial, humane and humorous. Like Riley, Field had an overflowing fund of wit, but between him and Stevenson there is only the very remotest kinship. His verses have more of the singing quality, more pure, rippling music than those of the other men, so it would not be inapt to term him the troubadour of childhood, and yet it should be remembered that his mood is not always light-hearted. Certain pathetic phases of child life took strong hold on him, as they do upon Riley, but, touching and true as such pieces as *The Little Boy Blue* and *Little Mahala Ashcraft* undoubtedly are, they are unappreciated by the young admirers of the poet, and they are often wont to waken in the breasts of their elders feelings too tender to be played upon. Rather had we, any of us, along with Pittypat and Tippetoe, go floating out to the shore of Lollipop Sea in search of the Sugar Plum Tree in the Garden of Shut Eye Town than to dry our eyes over thoughts of "the little toy dog that is covered with dust," and such a preference is natural and healthy. Give us, we say, to rollic with Teeny-Weeny, to join with the chil-

dren three at their "counting out" rhyme, to listen to some of the low, sweet lullabies, to dream we are rocked again like Wynken, Blynken and Nod, who sailed off one night in a wooden shoe!

So shut your eyes while mother sings
Of wonderful sights that be,
And you shall see the beautiful things
As you rock in the misty sea,
Where the old shoe rocked the fishermen three,
Wynken,
Blynken
And Nod.

In Frank Dempster Sherman the children have a laureate of the seasons, a celebrator of their sports, an intimate playfellow. In a most attractive way does this poet draw the attention of the little folk to the flowers and the woods, to the winds and the stars. Moreover, he retells the tales of *Once-upon-a-Time*—the story of Omar, fairy and folklore and legends of the chimney corner. Nor is the list of children's poets exhausted with Mr. Sherman. William Canton, Norman Gale, Mrs. Meynell and Miss Wilkins have each in his or her own way contributed something fresh for the delight of the young people.

In the verse of these poets all that belongs to happy and healthy child life is present in full measure. There is no trace of false sentiment, no hint of the condescension of one who has outgrown the joys of childhood. Pleasure and profit go hand in hand, yet there is no intrusive moralizing. The imagination is ever appealed to, and if straightforwardness, truth and gentleness are taught it is through the indirect, not the direct, lesson. Fortunate, then, the boy and girl who can frolic with Stevenson upon "the happy hills of hay," who can swing with Riley in the old swing under the locust trees, who can sail with Field "on a river of crystal light," and who at the blessed Christmastide can cry merrily with Sherman:

Away with melancholy!
This day is for delight:
When mistletoe and holly
In wreaths and garlands bright
Are hung above the ingle,
And joyous voices mingle
To welcome in Kriss Kringle,
Who comes all clad in white.
Within his sleigh he carries
The presents high up-piled;
Not long with us he tarries
By leaf and song beguiled.
God-speed down dale and cingle,
May there not be a single
Forgotten one, Kriss Kringle!
But gifts for every child!

A Youthful Bookworm

BY LUCY ELLIOT KEELER

Aside from the agreeable titillation they give the brain, articles on Authors that Have Helped Me, Books that Have Hindered Me, the Best One Hundred Volumes and their like possess an imitable quality which is distinctly educational. The reader is guilelessly led to review her own bookish history, and is provided with a fresh measure of comparison; she demurs, she substantiates; she puts out an unaccustomed hand to shake the kaleidoscope; she, too, precipitates a theory from her literary incidents.

No class of persons receives so much gratuitous advice as the reader. She—one says she advisedly because he neither cares nor obeys—is warned against this and impelled toward that. She is told what a mistake her parents made with

her education, what a ruin she is, what a pillar she may become. And too often she follows such conflicting advice.

The children, mercifully, escape it in print and are pretty impervious to it at second-hand. They are not sermonized beforehand that their books are seven parts of water to one of milk; that words of one syllable dwarf their vocabulary, and words of three—cunningly divided by hyphens and so made to pass into books of the former class—inculcate deception; that *Little Women* is prejudicial to respect for parental sufficiency; that the Prince and the Pauper is actually a text-book on economics.

No; and while some children's parents are laboriously weighing methods, other children have learned to read, and, more, do read. There are many of us who cannot remember when we did not know how, to whom the printed page was always open, against whom the bookcases were never shut. We devoured the Dottie Dimple books, the Prudy books, the Susie books, more than a hundred of Oliver Optic's, each blessed thing of Miss Alcott and Mrs. Ewing, all the inanities of the Sunday school library, all the stories in the children's and the religious papers—all this we did, and we still thrive. Much of our reading was reprehensible, doubtless; it has left no clear characters in mind, nor any impression of duty. But this it did—it gave us the early mastery over print, a readiness with books, a faculty of eye and ease of perception, so that, barring hard words which it was an excitement to mispronounce, we could read as unhesitatingly at eight as we can now. If that seems nothing, listen to a reading class in any grammar or high school, and you will instantly change your mind.

The influence of the average school reader is an old story, but here is fresh confirmation. A certain old McGuffey had an extract from *The Spy* which captivated one child's imagination. Search revealed a long row of Cooper's novels in the family library. In two days *The Spy* was finished. Could *The Pilot* be as fine? So it proved. Why not try *The Deerslayer*? Absorbing. And so, one after another, as fast as little hands could lift down the volumes and eager eyes skim their pages—being bound alike the mother thought the thirty were one—just thirty of them were devoured. The grown-up has never wished to touch Cooper since; she has not a recollection of what that mass was about; but she knows that, further, it was the legitimate hyphen between Oliver Optic and Walter Scott; that the hours with Cooper were glad, glad hours, and that never will she call them wasted.

An incident in all readers' lives is their first discovery of Shakespeare. To one child he came as a quotation on a memorable holiday, when, sitting opposite an older friend—O, the devotion of a girl to the elder woman, and what she will take from her hands!—the other dipped her hands over the side of the boat and with kindling eyes began to half chant

The barge she sat in like a burnished throne—
Burnt on the water—

and the score of lines which follow. That evening the girl asked to have them pointed out to her, and for many a night thereafter she put herself to sleep crooning them over, thinking of that happy

day, and pressing her fingers down upon her closed eyes—all children learn the trick—for the color effects that rivaled Cleopatra's accessories.

The Egyptian tale soon led to the glorious others, and it was lying prone on the velvety grass with a big quarto open between her elbows that the meaning of Othello burst over her, coming by instinct and quite without tuition, as Bagehot says one learns a smile; and with it a passionate resentment against putting the "coarse alloy into the optional world of literature." In some unexpressed way she rebelled with Woodrow Wilson against books "which disclose motives at which we shudder, the more because we feel their reality," and felt that "what is truly human has always upon it the broad light of what is genial, fit to support life, cordial and of a spirit of helpfulness."

The next distinct landmark of those early days was Emersonian, and more than anything else brought purpose to the soul. It was the essay on Circles. Again the girl lay in Daudet's "*bibliothèque des cigales*," and read what she could never have put back into words but which pared away circle after circle from youth's boundaries: "There is always another dawn rises on mid-noon, and under every deep a lower deep opens. There is no outside, no inclosing wall, no circumference to us. The only sin is limitation."

Though never quite a child in thought after that introduction to the seer, one more distinct stepping-stone remains to the youthful years. The poets had come in happy succession and easy gradation until Pippa's little song arrested attention and Browning filled the sky. A certain feeling of loss, if not resentment, came with the new acquisition. Why had this been a sealed message hitherto? Why had no one told her? Why had not some one forced her to sit at that banquet? She did not know then. She has since learned that the best things are by the way, coming as surely as one ripens for them. "O, believe as thou livest, that every sound that is spoken over the round world which thou oughtest to hear will vibrate on thy ear! Every book that belongs to thee for aid or comfort shall surely come through open or winding passages;" and that

... to know
Rather consists in opening out a way
Whence the imprisoned splendor may
escape,
Than in effecting entry for a light
Supposed to be without.

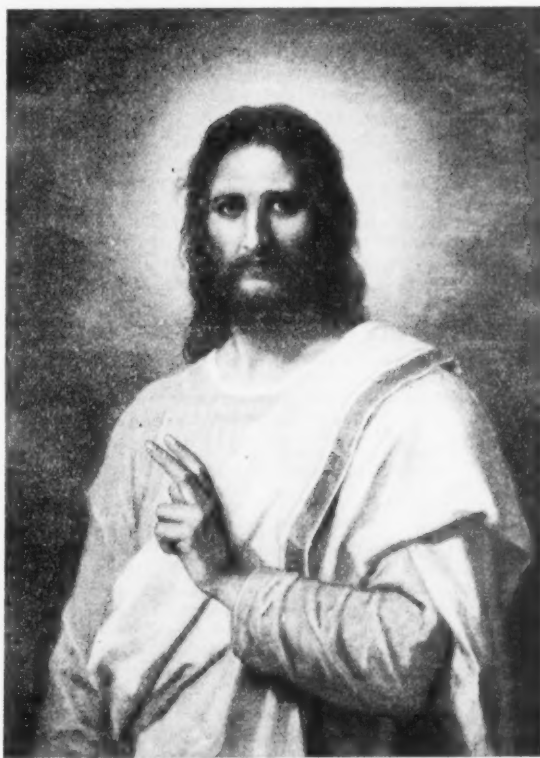
Woman brings us into the world, woman is our first teacher, woman makes the world what it is from century to century. We can no more escape from woman, and yet continue to live our lives as they should be lived, than we can hide ourselves from nature. We are in her care or in her power more than half our years, and often during all, from first to last. . . . The man who denies his mother is a bad man, and the man who has not loved woman is a man in darkness.—*F. Marion Crawford.*

The Artist Hoffman in His Studio

BY MARY B. FULLER



From the beautiful service in the Scotch Presbyterian Church in Dresden it was no break in the worship—that hour in Herr Hoffman's studio. The day was rainy and the light poor; we are not scientific art students; our German and Mr. Hoffman's English are most limited, yet we all felt in trying to thank the artist and the man that we were humbly thanking God for a rare privilege. We had been told by an acquaintance the day before that the studio could be visited Sunday at noon, but we had no thought of seeing the artist. The rooms are not large. The outer one is tastefully and simply furnished, apart from the paintings. Two of these stand out on easels, Christ and the Rich Young Ruler, and the figure of Christ usually marked, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." A few studies of heads are on



the walls and in the background of the other working room. In the latter we saw the Marriage in Cana and a new painting of The Home in Bethany, also smaller pictures of Christ in the Temple and Gethsemane. The same beautiful, tender face appeals to one in all, with a power which only the original painting has.

Some one was wondering where the large Gethsemane was, when a gentleman came in and bowed courteously to each of us. The genial, loving expression and deep spiritual eyes are the real man to us. Beyond that, we only noticed that he is a little past middle age, has a long, sandy beard, a simple, natural manner, and the

desire to make every one feel "at home," as we say. As I looked from the man to his work I understood how sacredly true it was—what some one glibly said to me—"They say he gets that expression on Christ's face because he prays so much." There are many years between Fra Angelico, the Italian monk, and Mr. Hoffman, the German man of everyday life. Yet it is the "same spirit." I thought of the many Bibles at home holding copies of these pictures, and the lives helped by them to closer study and understanding of the human Christ. I looked at the artist again and believed in a wider inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

The barrier of a strange language seemed the more unkind because Mr. Hoffman is too modest to give monologues, and yet is very ready to talk in response. He politely asked me if I had visited the *Ausstellung* now open. On my saying "no," and inquiring if any of his pictures were on exhibition, he spoke very earnestly. The expression and feeling were more than the words. "No," he said, "they are not pictures meant to be put beside ballet girls and Bacchantes, where a brass band is playing and people who do not care go by. They belong in a separate place." I wondered if they would not make a "separate place" wherever they were.

One of the party asked the name of the picture herewith presented. "It does not need a name," he said. "I have never given it any, it speaks for itself; but the photographers have called it, I believe, 'The Way, the Truth and the Life.'"

I was interested in what I could understand of a discussion he had with an appreciative German who came in. Turning over the portfolio of engravings from his pictures they came across the one where Christ drives out the money-changers. The visitor objected to the expression on Christ's face as being too harsh. The artist defended it, showing that he had spirit as well as humility. "One does not look gentle when he overturns a table, *nicht wahr?*" turning to us with the gesture of that act of Christ.

When the time came to go and we tried to express our thanks for the help his work had been, his appreciation was that of one who sincerely felt his gift was not of himself. I am sure we shall never look at one of Heinrich Hoffman's pic-

tures without thinking of him in connection with Paul's words: "Not I, but Christ liveth in me."

Let the youth return to the visible universe and to conversation with ancient books, and to those, if such there be, which in the present day breathe the ancient spirit; and let him feed upon that beauty which unfolds itself, not to the eye as it sees carelessly the things which cannot possibly go unseen, and are remembered or not as accident shall decide, but to the thinking mind, which searches, discovers and treasures up, infusing by meditation into the objects with which it converses an intellectual life, whereby they remain planted in the memory, now and forever.—*William Wordsworth.*

Closet and Altar

Be not afraid, neither doubt, for God is your guide.

Lord, make me to know thee aright, that I may more and more love and enjoy and possess thee. And since in the life here below I cannot fully attain this blessedness, let it at least grow in me day by day, until it all be fulfilled at last in the life to come! Here be the knowledge of thee increased, and there let it be perfected! Here let my love to thee grow, and there may it ripen; that my joy, being here great in hope, may there in fruition be made perfect.—*St. Anselm.*

The more and the better we know and understand, the more strictly shall we be judged unless our lives are also more holy.—*Thomas à Kempis.*

Fine thoughts are wealth, for the right use of which

Men are, and ought to be, accountable, If not to Thee, to those they influence. Grant this, we pray thee, that all who read Or utter noble thoughts may make them theirs, And thank God for them, to the betterment Of their succeeding life.

—*P. J. Bailey.*

It is a rule in the spiritual life that we grow in grace only as we grow in the knowledge of the Lord. Our love to God increases just in the measure that our view of God's love to us increases. But as to the surrendered heart there is given by the Holy Spirit a new knowledge of the love of Christ, so within the surrendered heart there springs up new love to him.—*G. H. C. Macgregor.*

Whate'er my darkness be,
'Tis not, O Lord, of thee.
The light is thine alone,
The shadows all my own.

—*John B. Tabb.*

A man after God's own heart is never a one-sided man. He is not wholly spiritual, he is not wholly natural, he is not all earnestness, he is not all play; he cannot be all things at once, and therefore he is all things by turns.—*John Pulsford.*

O God, our Creator, Preserver and Benefactor, we desire to thank thee for all thy past mercies, at the same time beseeching thee to give us thy continual grace and to pour down thy blessing upon us. Preserve us, O Lord, from day to day and from year to year. Give us grace to bate sin and to avoid that which would lead our hearts from thee. When we contemplate our temptations both from within and without, when we look back to instances of our weakness and forward to the yet untried scenes of danger and difficulty through which we may have to pass before we leave the world, on thee, O Lord, and on thee alone, are we led to trust, and to thee do we lift up our daily prayer for strength to preserve us in the paths of righteousness. Keep alive in our souls the sense of spiritual things. Impress us with a recollection of the great truths which we have been taught. Enable us to walk worthy of the Lord through the day that is now before us. May we be obedient to thy will, submissive to thy providence and ever thankful for thy mercies. Amen.

Tangles

[For the leisure hour recreation of old and young. Any reader who can contribute odd and curious enigmas, etc., of a novel and interesting kind is invited to do so, addressing the Puzzle Editor of The Congregationalist.]

108. CHARADE

A most delightful legend once I read:

A poor man longed to see the Saviour's face,
And FIRST a dream the Master to him said,
"Next day I'll visit thy abiding place."

The morning came. TWO at his lowly trade
He toiled, FIRST expectation of his Guest.
A homeless woman by his window strayed
With a sick babe—he gave her food and rest.

At noon—still waiting—near his humble home
He saw an old man, faint with hunger, reel;
With pitying heart he bade the stranger come
And share with him his frugal midday meal.

"The eve has come," he said; "he tarries still."
Two starving ones were fighting in the street;
He made them friendly, bade them eat their fill.
While THREE he longed the Master's smile to meet.

And, sad at heart, he slept again and dreamed:
Came one by one the guests who shared his food.
"Dost thou know me?" they asked. And then he seemed

To hear the Saviour's "ALL," and understood.

E. E. C.

109. PHONETIC

(Supply names of implements whose sound will make sense.)

I asked the miner if his share of the output of *** was for ****, but he answered no, he could be sure of making ***** on it by keeping it longer. It was ***** that he was suffering from the hallucination of enthusiasm, but his visions were real to him, and *** I could say did not move him. They did not ***** very well for his future business prospects, but as contradiction only **** to his excitement, and no suggestion suits the taste of his mental ***** and as the tide was lapping against the ***, I cried, "***, for the shore!" and set out for my home in one of the most fertile ***** of England.

DOROTHEA.

110. TRANSPOSITION SQUARE

Two different letters—no more;
Two words of four letters, twice o'er;
One Latin, one English, 'tis true,
Yet with looks and to cause for your clew.
Right or left, down or up though you go,
First to last, last to first—even so,
Eight results from your moves you can trace,
Yet precisely alike in each case!

NILLOR.

111. TREE TANGLE

I have a certain number of trees set out in the form of a square in such a manner that there are ten rows of four trees each, and four rows of three trees each. Each tree occupies four square rods. How many trees have I, and how many square rods do they occupy?

A. J. HIBBARD.

ANSWERS

103. 1. A book. 2. Temper. 3. Fault.
104. 400 feet.
105. Bales, sable, Beals, Basel, Basle, Abel's, Elba's, blase.
106. Friend-ship.
107. Tact, act.

SOLVERS

The "search among the ages" was productive of a greater variety of results than was anticipated, and among 100 or more lists no two seem to agree exactly. The patness of each "age" given has been carefully considered, decision as to the best being necessarily somewhat arbitrary. The result reached is that the list of Miss L. M. Coggeshall, Providence, R. I., may be fairly considered the "most complete and neatest," and entitled to the prize book. This list differs but little from that given by the author of the tangle (101). 14 is given as "USage," 18 as "Lovage" and 32 as "Tillage," the last being a decided improvement. Several lists are very nearly as good as Miss Coggeshall's, the deficiency being lack of neatness of the list or its arrangement, or the use of some "age" less appropriate (as "mass-

age" instead of "drainage" in answer to 21). An especial merit of the prize list is its freedom from "verbiage," no unnecessary word being used.

Quite a difference of opinion has been shown as to the "age of the United States," most solvers having given it "USage," while one has it "acreage" and another "assemblage." One gives the "age of Uncle Sam's revenue assistant" as "Lyman J. Gage." The "age which follows a lovers' quarrel" has been variously thought to be "marriage," "disengagement," and "alliance." The "President's age" has by many been pronounced "patronage." The "age you have now reached" is to one the "present age," to another "advantage," to a bewildered solver "rage," while a young lady friend in the West naively writes it, "18 years, 10 months."

"The 'ages,'" says J. R. Beede, "might legitimately include the age of Young America (sausage) and the age which leads to drunkenness (beverage), as well as the age which sometimes stops the career of a financier (shortage)." "The sailor," writes C. A. M. C., "has about twenty ages more; the coachman and the Board of Health have also others." A considerable number of other ages are added by "An Old Subscriber."

Solvers of recent tangles other than 101 are: S. A. Nelson, Auburn, Me., 98, 102; S. P. N., Dorchester, Mass., 99; N. S., Haverhill, Mass., 99; Nillor, Middletown Springs, Vt., 98, 102; A Friend, Newton, Mass., 98, 102. Nillor, we much regret to hear, has been ill several weeks, but he is now able to take his place again among our contributors. The authorized answer to the "Boston Prize Conundrum," which nobody else has given, he now states is, "When it rises to the surface to blow."

Is There a Santa Claus

A little eight-year-old girl, named Virginia, wrote a letter to the New York *Sun* asking if there really is a Santa Claus, and this is the reply she received:

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God, he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

It is strange that the industrial world has not earlier discovered the ability of woman as an arbitrator, but perhaps not all women are as free from petty prejudices and are possessed of such a large-minded sense of justice as Miss Clara J. Fisher of Milford, Mass. At all events, she is said to be the first woman ever chosen to act as expert assistant to the State Board of Arbitration and Conciliation, and she has succeeded in settling a factory trouble where men had failed.

The Conversation Corner

TWO weeks ago I told you of my visit to Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson, but there was not room to speak of the University of Virginia, which has been called "Jefferson's pet." After laboring many years for its establishment, he lived to see it dedicated—a few months before his death—three ex-presidents of the United States being present. He was himself the first "rector," as his great-grandson, a Randolph, is at present. Our Corner representative at the University, on our return from Monticello, took me around its grounds, the original group of buildings remaining as carefully planned by Jefferson himself.

It is somewhat singular that the leading advocate of a new system of government on a new continent, and of a new system of education opposed to the old, should have modeled all his structures after ancient or mediæval architecture. The Rotunda, which, as you see, closely resembles the Monticello dome, is a reproduction of the Roman Pantheon. That faces two long rows of residences, called "East Lawn" and "West Lawn," alternating between professors' houses, called "Pavilions," with stately pillars in front, and one-story rooms for students, with continuous, covered colonnades before them. Parallel with these are two outside rows, called "East Range" and "West Range," with society buildings and boarding houses instead of the "Pavilions," but having the same low, monastery-like rooms for students, quaint arcades taking the place of colonnades. The most historic personage there was an old colored janitor, who can remember all the students who have ever attended the University. He is very proud of this and of his striking resemblance to Jefferson himself. His name is *Henry Martin*, and he is, I suppose, son of the slave who preserved Jefferson's papers, as mentioned in a previous Corner.

One other historic place I stopped at—about three minutes—Salisbury in North Carolina. Some readers of wartime memories may recall the prison pen there. A gentleman told me that its site is now occupied by other buildings, and that a national cemetery is near by—the resting place of thousands who perished for lack of food or shelter or care. At other stations I noted what boys had to say. At one they vied with each other in shouting, "*Hickory Mercury!*" In talking with them I told them I was from Boston. Did they know where that was? "O, yes," they instantly replied, "*the Bal-timers beat 'em yesterday!*" Sometimes they sold what they called pies, which looked like old-fashioned "slap-jacks" with just a flavor of apple sauce in them. They sold the apples themselves for "ten cents a dozen, four for a nickel"—but no less than four could be bought, for not a boy had sense enough to carry pennies.

On the cars I met a curious specimen of a grown-up boy, who was traveling to get a situation. He showed me his credentials, which I copied for you:

Recommendation Written this September 30 1897. We the undersigned believe the person ——— a citizen of Eagle ———, to be a gentle-

man of good character good morals and a gentleman Worthy of a position of employment and to give satisfaction in every respect.

This was signed by sundry county officials, and was certainly authentic, for he told me that he wrote it himself! When he got off the train he had a short stick in his mouth—a custom among the poorer classes in that region; I suppose you know that it is called "dipping."

That is a wonderful route—the Southern Railway—as it climbs up the Blue Ridge by successive horse-shoe curves, until the



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official guide of the train assured us that we could look back and see, if the foliage permitted, seventeen different lines of tracks over which we had come, and that we had gone eleven miles to get a quarter of a mile! We followed the Swannanoa River, went through the Swannanoa tunnel, and at last stopped at the Swannanoa Hotel in Asheville. This beautiful little city is right up among the mountains, and is surrounded by mountains and mountains and mountains, as far as the eye can reach. I do not wonder it is advertised as the "Land of the Sky!"

Going outside the city by an electric road which made its wild way over romantic ravines, and then on foot to call upon a friend in his hill-top "bonnie-castle," I did wish a lot of you Cornerers were with me to see the funniest merry-go-round out in the woods. It was so rustic and so rude with its huge derrick



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and rough seats that I had to laugh aloud, and then could not resist the temptation to push it off and catch a ride; perhaps if about twenty-five of you had been along to supply the motive power I should not have needed to jump off when half-way round to give another push—a jump which my heel has not forgotten yet! I wish, too, that some of you learned members had been with me on another road where my friend drove me to see a quaint little town hall and translate the inscription on the outside walls:

This building is given by a friend to the town of Woolsey. Domus parva sed magna in spe edificata for the public weal alone.

The cordiality of the welcome given to the people of the suburban town to use the little hall was shown in large letters, made by brass nails in the door: HOWDY. Of course I took a ride through George Vanderbilt's famous estate, with its many thousands of acres of field and forest, mountains and rivers, its parks and ponds and macadamized roads and nurseries of all kinds of plants and shrubs and trees—doubtless the largest and finest estate in this country. The castle, the driver told me, had 305 rooms and fifty-two bathrooms in it—so, I suppose, that he could have a different room for every day in the year and a different place to take his bath every week! Yet with such a wonderful home he is here only a short time every year, spending most of his time in foreign travel.

The driver pointed out the mysterious "unself-supported stairs" leading up to the balconies of the mansion, and also a curious mound, with flights of steps connected with it, which he called the "Rampadeuse," where the guests of the castle have great sport on horseback—just what it is, perhaps some of you Cornerers may understand better than I. On the same authority I learned just how many hundred workmen and servants there were to build the roads, clear the land, and care for the four hundred cows, whose butter sells for twice the price of ordinary butter in Asheville—so the estate brings benefit to some if its owner is not there to enjoy it himself. Besides that, he supports a "young men's institute" in the city, which is very useful to the colored men. In these ways his immense wealth is of some use, and that of course is the great advantage of having money—to do good with it!

I must get out of North Carolina before this page is ended. How that was to be done at the time I could not see—the Great Smoky Mountains, and many smaller ones that were not smoky, were right in the way. But we followed the windings of the picturesque French Broad River, often on a very narrow margin, one side or the other, and with high cliffs on both sides, until we reached the Nolichucky, and then southward till we reached its union with the Holston, and that makes the Tennessee. There is Knoxville—as you see on your map—and in that fine old city I spent two days. I cannot tell you much about it—except that among other old friends I found (by accident) a professor in the Deaf and Dumb Asylum whom I had known as a boy in Massachusetts nearly fifty years ago, and (not by accident) Harry C., who is a real boy now and whose letters you have read in the Corner. The visit to another famous estate owned by a Massachusetts man, in Tennessee for two-thirds of a century, and the "Wild West" parade—which was enough for me without waiting to see the "Show"—I must omit.

N. B. The 1898 edition of the *Corner Scrap-Book* (paged and indexed), with new pages of illustrations, including pictures of Pomiuk, etc., is now ready for Christmas orders. Price, as before, \$1.25; post-paid, 25 cents extra.

Mr. Martin

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

LESSON FOR DEC. 12 2 Tim 4: 1-8; 16-18

Paul's Last Words

BY REV. A. E. DUNNING, D. D.

The second epistle to Timothy is the last recorded word of the great apostle. It is an unstudied utterance, the outpouring of an old man's heart to his friend. We cannot understand what is in his mind without reading the entire letter. It is the pathetic declaration of the Christian martyr facing death. It reveals the principles by which a Christian is guided in troublous times. I prefer to group the thoughts of the entire epistle around these topics:

1. Paul's life in review [v. 7]. He had kept one purpose before him from the hour when, on the road to Damascus, he had seen and owned the Lord. "I have fought the good fight." Paul had made mistakes. He had made enemies, even among his fellow-disciples. He had seen cherished plans fail. He had been disappointed in some whom he had trusted. But he had never faltered in his purpose. One fight fought, one course now finished, one faith kept—that was his record.

To be controlled by the one motive to serve Christ, to work it out day by day, to keep a conscience void of offense toward God and toward men—that is a simple life. Any one can understand it who would put it into practice. But it is supremely great. The disciple said humbly what his Master had said at the last: "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." Whatever the outcome may seem to be, that is the successful life. Our one business is to achieve it. Whoever sets himself to do this is saved, for time and eternity.

2. Paul's reward from his fellowmen [v. 16]. It was bitterly disappointing. The multitude did not respond to his call to noble living, and he knew that they would not when his successors should preach to them. They would be lovers of self, lovers of money, slanderers, without self-control, "lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God" [ch. 3: 2-5]. Were not such things enough to lead any man to give up trying to preach the gospel? But many of his chosen friends deserted him in his hour of need. They loved this present world more than the honor of Christian service, more than they loved him. "Demas forsook me . . . and went to Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia"; "This thou knowest, that all that are in Asia turned away from me"; "At my first defense no one took my part, but all forsook me." Here, again, he repeated his Master's experience: "All the disciples left him and fled." Paul remembered that. It was constantly in his mind. "Remember Jesus Christ . . . wherein I suffer hardship unto bonds, as a malefactor."

Whoever is faithful in preaching truth and living it must expect to be disappointed in men. John the Baptist was even tempted to lose faith in Christ, when he saw his life work sinking into failure. He put to him the despairing question, "Art thou he that cometh, or look we for another?" But Paul never lost heart. He knew that Jesus Christ died at the hands of those he sought to save. There the apostle learned his life lesson: "If we died with him, we shall also live with him; if we endure, we shall also reign with him." Let those who seek to lift straying ones to firm ground, who strive to create righteousness in town and State, remember that Christ's work will never come to naught. Let us say with Paul, "I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory."

3. Paul's trust in the Lord [vs. 17, 18]. He had tested it, even in the experience which showed him that he could not trust his friends. "The Lord stood by me and strengthened me." He had escaped, single-handed, from the hate of Nero. "I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion." It was,

indeed, only a brief respite. He knew that the blow would soon fall which would end his life. "The time of my departure is come." But he had been looking forward to that time for many years. "I hold not my life of any account, as dear unto myself, so that I may accomplish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God." Paul had done the work he was sent to do. God had sustained him till he had done it. That was enough. It is enough for any man. If our purpose is to keep from suffering, our faith will not stand the test that is sure to come to us. If our purpose is to do what God has given us to do we shall find God faithful.

4. Paul's hope [vs. 8, 18]. The crown of righteousness was assured to him. "The Lord . . . will save me unto his heavenly kingdom." That he was sure of. What disciple of Christ wants more? That hope was "an anchor of the soul." As a ship's anchor in storm reaches down beneath the waves and grips the unseen rock, so this hope enters into "that which is within the veil, whither as a forerunner Jesus entered for us."

5. Paul's charge to his successors [vs. 1, 2]. Timothy's business was the same as Paul's. It was to set forth the truth in his life and by his words. Is it not the supreme business of every Christian? Read this letter over and over again as the letter of the chief of the apostles to yourself. There is counsel enough in it to make a Christlike man. Do men meet our message with "foolish and ignorant questionings"? Do they treat the word of God with indifference or even with contempt? "Be gentle towards all, apt to teach, forbearing, in meekness correcting them that oppose themselves." Do you find men "corrupted in mind, reprobate concerning the faith"? Paul wrote to Timothy: "Thou didst follow . . . what things befell me at Antioch, at Iconium and at Lystra; what persecutions I endured." Paul would teach us the same lesson: "All that would live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." "Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus."

As I read this letter to Timothy and ponder on it, the character of Paul rises to a height I had not seen before. He presses very close on the footsteps of the Lord. His life never seemed to him so precious as when he laid it at last at the feet of his crucified and risen Saviour. And every step in his past years in which he had repeatedly surrendered himself to the will of the Son of God was transfigured before his eyes as he looked back on it from that point of departure to receive his crown of righteousness in the heavenly kingdom. He saw his life in its true light. He could take on his lips even his Master's prayer, offered when he had looked back on his accomplished work: "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." Whoever shall teach one scholar to read this epistle till he shall have entered into its meaning and appropriated it will do a noble work. I think no one can have apprehended it till he is stirred with ambition to live in the spirit of Paul, without interpreting to others the meaning of this letter and imparting to others that spirit.

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The Literature of the Year

A Comprehensive Survey of the Broad and Attractive Field

The literary productiveness of this year hardly has equaled that of some other years in either amount or quality. Fewer epoch-making works have appeared. Nevertheless, its record is far from insignificant, and we undertake again this week our annual and pleasant task of reminding our readers of the publications of the year which chiefly have merited special attention.

Beginning with specifically *Theological and Critical* works, the most conspicuous, without doubt, is the elaborate treatise, *God the Creator and Lord of All* [Scribners. \$5.00], by Dr. Samuel Harris of Yale University. Somewhat more in sympathy with traditional views of theology than with those now commonly held, it nevertheless is up to date in both conception and method. The essential Christian doctrines are discussed with unusual skill in definition and explanation, and many special points, such as the operation of the government of God in Providence, are elaborated with judicial power. It is an expression of the New England theology of recent times and it illustrates theological progress and well-balanced self-restraint about equally. It is an individual book in more than one way and an honor to New England scholarship. Another important production is the second volume of Harnack's *History of Dogma* [Roberts Bros. \$2.50], which treats of a period peculiarly significant—that of the foundation of ecclesiastical dogma—and which performs ably the task of showing the fundamental importance of this period. In spite of an occasionally excessive confidence in analogy, the work possesses very great value.

The *Prophecies of Jesus Christ* [Scribners. \$1.75], by Prof. Paul Schwartzkopf, although published first, is the fourth volume of an intended work on *The Revelation of God in Jesus Christ*, and deals especially with the prophecies bearing on the death, resurrection and second coming of our Lord. It puts emphasis upon the humanity of Jesus, discusses at length such special points as the corporeity of Christ's appearances after he had risen, and is decidedly independent, but always reverent and candid. The *Facts of the Moral Life* [Macmillans. \$2.25], by Prof. Wilhelm Wundt, too abstruse except for specialists, will afford them solid food for reflection for a long time. *The Ancient Hebrew Tradition* [Youngs. \$1.75], by Prof. Fritz Hommel, in its main trend supports decidedly the ancient Hebrew tradition as it lies on the face of the Old Testament records, and makes large use of the study of Old Testament proper names, especially those of the so-called First Code, comparing them with those of the earlier Babylonian inscriptions, the El-Amarna letters, etc. It somewhat lacks the judicial temper, but is a strong book.

Dr. A. C. McGiffert's *The Apostolic Age* [Scribners. \$2.50] must not go unnamed. It is the fruit of elaborate study, and shows how the Pauline doctrines took form through the experiences of the apostles, how the interchange of views of the leaders in the apostolic church crystallized into doctrine and developed into forms of church government, and how the church adapted itself to various races and conditions. The Bohlen lectures for 1897 on *The Kingdom of God* [Dutton. \$1.50], by Rev. L. H. Schwab, deserve honorable mention. *The Bible and Islam* [Scribners. \$1.50], by Prof. H. P. Smith, is a careful and candid study of the debt of Mohammedanism to Judaism and Christianity. The third series of *Oxford House Papers* [Longmans, Green & Co. 75 cents], by Canon Gore, Bishop Creighton and others, deals ably with both doctrinal and practical topics, especially the relations of church and state, from the Anglican point of view. *The Ancient Faith in Modern Light* [Scribners. \$4.50], by Professors Cave and

Newth, Drs. Parker and Rogers, and other eminent English divines, deals with larger practical themes with equal ability.

An example of the more advanced higher criticism is found in *The Hope of Israel* [Scribners. \$1.40], by Rev. F. H. Woods. The book contains the Warburtonian lectures, delivered in Lincoln's Inn Chapel, London, 1890-94. They review the argument from prophecy and concede somewhat too much to the radical modern thinkers. The *Higher Criticism of the Hexateuch* [Scribners. \$2.50], by Dr. C. A. Briggs, is another notable treatise in the same vein, not sufficiently impartial and somewhat extravagant in its claims, but not a book to be overlooked.—At the opposite pole are Dr. S. C. Bartlett's vigorous volume, *The Veracity of the Hexateuch* [Revells. \$1.50], and Dr. A. J. F. Behrends's book, *The Old Testament Under Fire* [Funk & Wagnalls. \$1.00], a spirited defense of traditional views and more outspoken than cautious.

Dean Farrar's *The Bible, Its Meaning and Supremacy* [Longmans, Green & Co. \$2.00] explains popularly what the Bible is and how it is to be regarded in its bearing upon modern questions. In spite of some lack of positiveness it is large-minded and practical. We also must not omit to mention *The Shadow Christ* [Century Co. \$1.25], by Rev. G. S. Lee, which, in spite of noticeable faults in respect to both substance and manner, certainly is one of the most picturesque and stimulating books of the year.

Turning to more strictly *Philosophical* religious works, Dr. Gordon's *Immortality and the New Theodicy* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.00] at once comes to mind, containing the first lectures upon the Ingersoll foundation at Harvard. It embodies a powerful argument for immortality, addressed as largely to others than Christian believers as to them and thoroughly admirable in spirit and style, although, as we said of it in our review, failing, in our judgment, to establish the distinction claimed between its own position and Universalism. Dr. Newman Smyth's *The Place of Death in Evolution* [Scribners. \$1.25] is a thoughtful and unhackneyed presentation of the theory that death is necessary to life, only a natural step in the process of its development.

Prof. John Bascom's discussion of *Evolution and Religion* [Putnams. \$1.25] is another thoughtful volume, setting forth somewhat radical opinions and too philosophically technical in language for most readers, yet certainly one of the most thoughtful books of the year. We might use almost the same words about *The Conception of God* [Macmillans. \$1.25], by Professors Royce, Le Conte and others, which discusses in the profoundest fashion the nature of the divine idea as a demonstrable reality. It is too abstruse for any but the most thoroughly trained thinkers. So is its companion treatise, *Christianity and Idealism* [Macmillans. \$1.25], by Prof. John Watson of Queen's University, Canada, which accepts the evolutionary theory too fully, treats the doctrine of the atonement as artificial, and otherwise exhibits the influence of the most advanced school of thought, while nevertheless meaning to promote Christian aims and reflections.

Under Religious History may be noticed first Dr. G. L. Walker's volume of *Carew lectures*, called *Some Aspects of Religious Life in New England* [Silver, Burdett & Co. \$1.25]. It ably sets forth the development of theology in this country, emphasizes such points as the Calvinism of the early colonists, the development of formalism and the influence of the Halfway Covenant, and also describes the Great Awakening and subsequent events. Dr. L. W. Bacon's *History of American Christianity* [Christian Lit. Co. \$2.00], one of the

American Church History series, supplies a good outline of its theme. The second volume of *The Annals of King's Chapel*, Boston [Little, Brown & Co. \$5.00], the continuation by Mr. H. H. Edes of the late Rev. H. W. Foote's undertaking, completes a masterpiece in its line. The peculiarly close relation of this church to colonial history assures the production a lasting place in public favor, and it is a fine piece of work in itself. The *History of Methodism in the United States* [Harpers. \$5.00], by Dr. J. M. Buckley, is a work of broader range. The great denomination described could have had no more sympathetic or intelligent historian. Dr. J. F. Hurst's *History of the Christian Church* [Eaton & Mains. \$5.00] deserves similar praise, and is the seventh volume of the *Library of Biblical and Theological Literature*. It covers the period of the early and mediæval church and comes down to the beginning of the Reformation.

A striking volume of foreign origin is *Lectures on Ecclesiastical History in Norwich Cathedral* [Whittaker. \$2.25], in which are fifteen lectures, mainly on the early fathers, by Dean Farrar, Prebendary Leeds, Bishop Barry and others. The popularization of knowledge about the early church is the excellent purpose of the book. Prof. D. G. Brinton's *The Religions of Primitive Peoples* [Putnam's. \$1.50] takes the reader back beyond the early fathers to the origins of religious thought, and deals with the myths and spiritual conceptions of the earliest races and the development of these through the centuries. It contains much special information adapted to popular comprehension. Another volume deserving note is *The Search Light of St. Hippolytus* [Revell. \$1.00], by Rev. F. P. Flournoy, which discusses the claims of the Romish Church in regard to the papal succession, infallibility and some other subjects with unusual frankness and with damaging results; and the late Ernest Renan's *Antichrist* [Roberts Bros. \$2.50], covering the period from Paul's arrival in Rome to the end of the Jewish Revolution, also has come to hand just in time for mention.

Fewer *Commentaries* of the first rank than usual have been published. Four volumes of the *Modern Readers' Bible* have been issued—those on *Chronicles*, *Isaiah*, *Jeremiah* and *Daniel* and the *Minor Prophets*, respectively [Macmillans. Each 50 cents], each an example of the same vigorous scholarship which their predecessors have illustrated. The volume on *Luke* in the *International Critical Commentary* [Scribners. \$3.00], from the pen of Dr. Alfred Plummer, the English editor for the New Testament, a close study of this gospel in the light of modern standards of scholarship, also is out; and the volume on *Philippians* and *Philemon* [Scribners. \$2.00], by Prof. M. R. Vincent, which is scholarly and judicial. The eighth volume of the *Lutheran Commentary*, dealing with 1 Cor. 7-16, 2 Cor. and Galatians [Christian Lit. Co. \$2.00], the work of Prof. H. E. Jacobs and others, is notable for the clearness and pertinence of its comments. Prof. H. G. Mitchell's work on the first twelve chapters of *Isaiah* [Crowell. \$2.00] advocates the views of the constructive critical school.

A few volumes of *Sermons* claim mention, although the year has not been exceptionally rich in books of this class. That which has impressed us most is *The Imperial Christ* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.50], by the late Dr. J. P. Coyle. Its contents are somewhat unconventional in phrase, and illustrate in an unusual degree the exceptional power of a scholarly, devout and enthusiastic minister of Christ. *The Growing Revelation* [Macmillan Co. \$1.50] contains a number of Dr. A. H. Bradford's effective discourses, which have

been preached on both sides of the Atlantic. Dr. F. A. Noble's discourses on Philipians [Revell Co. \$1.25] are finely conceived and powerfully sustained discussions of fundamental truths, admirably adapted to practical minds. Dr. E. H. Byington's *The Christ of Yesterday, Today and Forever* [Roberts Bros. \$1.50] also contains strong thinking clothed in an impressive style.

Two timely and telling volumes have come from Dr. D. J. Burrell of the Dutch Reformed Church. One is *For Christ's Crown*, the other *The Golden Passion and Other Sermons* [W. B. Ketcham. Each \$1.50]. A new book of sermons by the late Bishop Brooks, *New Starts in Life and Other Sermons* [Dutton. \$1.75], also has been published, and bears all the marks of his unique and consecrated personality. And last, but by no means least, may be named *The Culture of Christian Manhood* [Revell Co. \$1.50], in which are sixteen sermons preached before the students of Yale by Drs. McKenzie, Herriek, C. C. Hall, Burrell, Vincent, George Harris and others.

Devotional literature always abounds, and among other recent books of this character are *The More Abundant Life* [Dutton. \$1.25], by the late Bishop Brooks, edited by W. M. L. Jay, consisting chiefly of extracts from unpublished manuscripts, including some short prayers; *The Trial and Death of Christ* [American Tract Soc. \$2.00], by Rev. James Stalker, D. D., a careful and uplifting study; *Peace, Perfect Peace* [Revell Co. 25 cents], by Rev. F. B. Meyer, offered especially to those in affliction; and *A Good Start* [Crowell & Co. 75 cents], by the same author, intended to encourage Christian beginners. The series of ten little volumes, issued by Crowell & Co., *The Christ-filled Life, Ships and Havens, Giving What We Have*, etc., by Dr. C. C. Hall, Dr. Henry van Dyke and others, abundantly merits commendation, and so do *My Life in Christ* [Cassell Co. \$3.50], a somewhat clumsily arranged but delightfully spiritual book of extracts from the diary of Father John Ilyitch Sergieff, a priest of the Greek Orthodox Church, and *The Personal Friendships of Jesus* [Crowell & Co. \$1.00], by Rev. J. R. Miller, D. D. We mention here, also, because of its close practical relation to the Christian life, the volume entitled *The Bible and the Children* [Macmillan. \$1.00], containing papers by Dean Farrar, Dr. Horton, Dean Fremantle, Dr. Gladden, Dr. Lyman Abbott and others, suggesting how and what children should be taught about the Bible.

Several *Miscellaneous Religious* books should not be overlooked, each of which is important in its way. One is the late Dr. Quint's *Common-sense Christianity* [Pilgrim Press. \$1.50], full of his attractive and helpful personality. Another is *Christian Life in Germany* [Revell. \$1.00], by our Chicago editor, Dr. E. F. Williams, a conscientious and enlightening study of its subject. Another is Prof. Shailer Matthews's *The Social Teaching of Jesus* [Macmillan. \$1.50], a successful volume on Christian sociology. Another is *Letters from the Scenes of the Recent Massacres in Armenia* [Revells. \$1.25], which, although in a sense a book of travel, has a controlling religious purpose and spirit. It is the work of Dr. J. R. and Mrs. H. B. Harris, and consists of their graphic and impressive letters home. A very different volume, but one of much significance in its way, is Mr. G. J. Holyoake's *English Secularism* [Open Court Co. 50 cents]. Mr. Holyoake has long been a leader of his school of thought, and its special views are set forth here. It is abundantly worth study by Christian teachers.

Several important works on *Philosophy* have been printed. One is Prof. G. T. Ladd's *Philosophy of Knowledge* [Scribner's. \$4.00], which discusses the nature and scope of human knowledge on the side of its relation to conduct and belief. It is especially valuable for its scientific analyses. Prof. B. P. Bowne's

Theory of Thought and Knowledge [Harpers. \$1.50] is a fine example of clear thought and statement. In *The Bases of Historic Belief, Historic and Ideal* [Putnam. \$1.50], Prof. C. M. Tyler presents a summary of the conclusions of modern thought as to religious history and moral and religious ideals. It is as practical as it is profound. M. Auguste Sabatier's *Outlines of Philosophy and Religion Based on History* [Pott & Co. \$2.00] is another treatise which amply repays the student. *Practical Idealism* [Macmillan. \$1.50], by President Hyde of Bowdoin College, also is conspicuous for sound sense, convincing logic and unusual interest; and *The Will to Believe and Other Essays in Popular Philosophy* [Longmans, Green & Co. \$2.00], by Prof. William James, is a good example of the sound application of important philosophic truth. Here, too, as well as anywhere, may be noted Prof. George Harris's admirable little treatise, *Inequality and Progress* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25], as luminous and sensible as it is terse.

The comparative richness during the year of the department of *Biography* is observable. Several books of local interest have appeared, such as Mr. J. T. NeSmith's excellent account of the late Gov. F. T. Greenhalge [Roberts Bros. \$3.00], containing many of his speeches; the elaborate and delightful picture of the late Hon. Robert C. Winthrop [Little, Brown & Co.] drawn by his son; the life of the late Dr. A. A. Miner [Universalist Pub. House. \$2.00], by Rev. G. H. Emerson; and that of Hosea Ballou, 2d. [E. P. Guild. \$2.50], by H. S. Ballou, two of the most useful and honored among the pioneer leaders of Universalism; and the life of Prof. W. B. Rogers [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$4.00], the distinguished scientist, who also was the practical founder of the Institute of Technology in this city, by his wife and W. T. Sedgwick. Other American biographies include that of the late Dr. J. M. Sturtevant [Revells. \$1.25], by his son, a vivid and inspiring sketch of a man remarkable in himself and eminent as a leader of American Congregationalism; that of the famous Dr. Philip Schaff [Scribners. \$3.00], by Prof. D. S. Schaff; that of Dr. C. M. Deems [Revells. \$1.50], by his two sons, the chronicle of a somewhat picturesque as well as exceedingly useful career. The *Exploits of Myles Standish* [Appletons. \$1.50], by Henry Johnson, presents a lively picture of the Pilgrim hero. Mr. P. L. Ford and Prof. Woodrow Wilson are authors of new lives of George Washington, the former issued by the Lippincotts [\$2.00] and presenting a somewhat more realistic picture than that customarily drawn, the latter, published by the Harpers [\$3.00], more in harmony with the traditional view and in many respects the best life of Washington which we have ever seen. Rev. N. H. Chamberlain's *Samuel Sewall and the World He Lived In* [DeWolfe, Fiske & Co.] is a character sketch rather than a biography, but a pleasant piece of work. Mrs. Lathrop's agreeable *Memories of Hawthorne* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$2.00] and Mr. S. T. Pickard's *Hawthorne's First Diary* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.00] also merit mention.

A charming little book, hardly more than a sketch, but truly delightful, is Miss Mamie Dickens's *My Father as I Remember Him* [Dutton. \$1.25]. Mr. J. M. Barrie's *Margaret Ogilvie* [Scribners. \$1.25], in which he reverently, yet sometimes humorously, has portrayed the character of his mother, is among the choicest books of the year in this class. The story of the life of the late Philip Gilbert Hamerton [Roberts Bros. \$2.00], painter, etcher, essayist, novelist and editor, which he began himself and which his wife has completed, is another very readable account of an unusual man. Mr. C. K. Shorter has corrected some misstatements and made use of some hitherto unpublished material in his excellent volume, *Charlotte Brontë and Her Circle* [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$2.50]. Isabel, Lady Burton [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$7.00], by herself and

W. H. Wilkins, is the engrossing story of the brilliant and chequered career of the famous Capt. Richard Burton, the explorer, and his wife. Dr. R. F. Horton's *Oliver Cromwell* [Whittaker. \$1.25], although hardly more than a sketch, is a conscientious and inspiring study of its famous subject. In *My Reminiscences* [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$3.50], Ardit, the distinguished musical composer, has given most interesting chapters out of his diversified experiences; and Madame Mathilde Marchesi's autobiography, *Marchesi and Music* [Harpers. \$2.50] also offers inviting glimpses of the musical and social world.

Mr. A. J. C. Hare's *Autobiography* [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$7.50] is noteworthy because of its allusions to eminent or interesting persons but often is as remarkable for bad taste as for its almost unbroken sadness. One of the great books of the year, probably a majority of people place it above all others, is Capt. A. T. Mahan's *Life of Nelson* [Little, Brown & Co. \$8.00]. It is a masterly work, unlikely to be surpassed by any other biographer of the same hero. *The Private Life of the Queen* [Appletons. \$1.50], by a member of the royal household, is not a fine piece of literary work, but deserves attention because of its contents. *The Personal Life of Queen Victoria* [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$2.00], by Sarah A. Tooley, deserves mention for the same reason, and is written better. Prof. W. M. Sloane's *Life of Napoleon* [Century Co. \$7.00] is a great work. Many regard it as pressing Captain Mahan's volume hard for the first place. It is a brilliant book. It illustrates fine scholarship, but it might be somewhat more judicious here and there.

M. Imbert de Saint Amand's *Louis Napoleon and Mlle. de Montijo* [Scribners. \$1.50] throws new light on the personality of the third Napoleon and his empress, in whom contemporaneous interest hardly has died away, even in this country. Another most readable French biography is *Marechal Oudinot, Duc de Reggio* [Appletons. \$2.50], by Gaston Stiegler. It affords vivid pictures of French civil and military society under the first Napoleon and the king, and especially of the retreat from Russia. *Peter the Great* [Appletons. \$2.00], by K. Walizewski, an impartial and brilliant account of the famous Russian emperor, also is one of the most important books in its class.

Bishop Potter's volume, *The Scholar and the State* [Century Co. \$2.00], is prominent among volumes of *Essays or Addresses*, having a public purpose, and President Eliot's *American Contributions to Civilization and Other Essays and Addresses* [Century Co. \$2.00] is another. Hon. Theodore Roosevelt's *American Ideals and Other Essays* [Putnam. \$1.50] is timely and telling, and *The Personal Equation* [Harpers. \$1.50], by H. T. Peck, and *Literary Statesmen and Others* [H. S. Stone & Co. \$1.50], by Norman Hapgood, are bright and suggestive. Among those in lighter vein *Varia* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25], by Agnes Repplier, is the most piquant and entertaining, but *Patrins* [Copeland & Day. \$1.25], by Louise I. Guiney, also is very enjoyable. Dr. D. G. Mitchell's *American Lands and Letters* [Scribners. \$2.50] does not go deeply into its subject, but charms because of its author's invariably fascinating style. The *Genius of Shakespeare's Art* [Lee & Shepard. \$2.00], by E. J. Dunning, offers a new and striking theory about Shakespeare's sonnets which is original and worth attention. And in the realm of the serio-comic Mark Twain's *How to Tell a Story and Other Essays* [Harpers. \$1.50] will amply reward its readers. Prof. Arlo Bates's *Talks on the Study of Literature* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.50] is the stimulating product of a peculiarly acute American mind, and Pres. A. H. Strong's *The Great Poets and Their Theology* [Am. Baptist Pub. Soc. \$2.50] brings out an insufficiently appreciated significance in the influence of several of the world's famous singers. Prof. Edward Dowden's *The French Revolution*

and English Literature [Scribners. \$1.25] offers a study of the influence of the great uprising upon English authorship. Lawrence Hutton's two volumes, *Literary Landmarks of Florence and of Rome* [Harpers. Each \$1.00], border a little on the province of the guide-book, but do their work in a higher manner and to the reader's ample satisfaction. And Prince Serge Wolkonsky's *Pictures of Russian History and Russian Literature* [Lamson, Wolfe & Co. \$2.00] introduces the American entertainingly to a comparatively unknown field. Another fine example of literary perception and comment is *The Poet's Poet* [Curts & Jennings. \$1.25], by W. A. Quayle.

The quality of the *History* of the year has been very high. In reference to American history, Dr. Edward Eggleston's *Beginnings of a Nation* [Appleton. \$1.50] is a picturesque and more than ordinarily readable narrative, but not as judicious as it is interesting. Dr. John Fiske's *Old Virginia and Her Neighbors* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$4.00] is another learned study and a worthy addition to the series of histories from his pen, and a beautiful illustrated holiday edition, by the same publishers, of his *The Critical Period of American History* [\$4.00] is out. *The Story of the Pilgrim Fathers* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$2.00], by Edward Arber, although from an English pen, is one of the most thorough studies of Pilgrim history ever made. It is less a narrative than a collection of facts, but it has great value and interest. Mr. J. R. Spears's four-volume *History of Our Navy* [Scribners. \$8.00] does well a most important work. *The Middle Period* [Scribners. \$1.75], by Prof. J. W. Burgess, is one of the American History series, and deals with United States history between the wars of 1812 and the Rebellion with enlightening skill but with some need of correction. *The Evolution of the Constitution of the United States* [Lippincott's. \$1.50], by S. G. Fisher, is clear and scholarly. *The Literary History of the American Revolution* [Putnam's. \$3.00], by Prof. M. C. Tyler, treats of authors and books rather than of soldiers and campaigns, and exhibits the colonial spirit and purpose from a new point of view. A minor volume, but one of the utmost interest, is *Behind Old Hearthstones* [Lee & Shepard. \$1.50], which equals its predecessor from the same pen, *Beneath Old Roof-trees*, in historic and popular interest and value. Dr. Griffith's *The Romance of Discovery* [W. A. Wilde. \$1.50] also is highly readable.

In reference to the history of regions more remote, Dr. J. P. Peters's two sumptuous volumes about Nippur [Putnam's. \$5.00] throw light upon early life in a portion of Babylonia where the ruins of a temple, supposed to be the oldest known to man, have been discovered. And Prof. J. I. Manatt's *The Great Mycenaean Age* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$6.00] deals similarly with the Mycenaean world, and is a striking example of patient and fruitful archaeological research. *The Age of the Renaissance* [Christian Lit. Co. \$1.50], by Paul van Dyke, the seventh in the Ten Epochs in Church History series, tells lucidly the story of that period and illustrates the candid spirit of the true historian. The first volume of Prof. G. M. Andrews's *The Historic Development of Modern Europe* [Putnam's. \$2.50] is noteworthy for the distinctness with which the action and reaction of European political history, the alternations of liberalism and conservatism in different countries, are brought out. The sixth volume of Von Sybel's *The Founding of the German Empire* [Crowell. \$2.00], which covers the years 1866-70, also illustrates sound scholarship and judgment, and Lieut. H. H. Sargent's *The Campaign of Marengo* [McClurg. \$1.50] is briefer but also a conscientious and skillful study.

The fifth volume of Justin McCarthy's *History of Our Own Time* [Harpers. \$1.50] continues successfully the admirable work of

that deservedly popular production. *France Under Louis XV.* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$4.00], by J. B. Perkins, is elaborate and learned. *The Evolution of France Under the Third Republic* [Crowell. \$3.00], by the Baron de Coubertin, is notable for its character sketches of the great men who have successfully administered French affairs since the downfall of the Third Empire. *The Literary Movement in France During the Nineteenth Century* [Putnam's. \$3.50], by M. Georges Pellissier, sets forth, in the words of M. Brunetiere, the eminent French critic, "the philosophy of contemporary French literature." Mr. Poulteney Bigelow's history of *The German Struggle for Liberty* [Harpers. \$5.00] is another graphic and well-balanced treatise.

Which ranks first among the *Novels* of the year? That is a hard question. No volume is conspicuously pre-eminent. We prefer Hugh Wynne, Free Quaker [Century Co. \$2.00], by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell. In vigor of plot, vividness of historical painting, naturalness and consistency of characterization and choice and fitting style no book of the year seems to us to surpass this. Mr. J. L. Allen's *The Choir Invisible* [Macmillan Co. \$1.50] deserves its ready popularity and illustrates true delicacy of conception and execution. Miss Mary E. Wilkins's *Jerome* [Harpers. \$1.50] is a social study of exceptional keenness and readability. *The Federal Judge* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25], by C. K. Lush, throws powerful light upon what may be called subterranean politics. It is a good love story into the bargain. Edward Bellamy's *Equality* [Appleton's. \$1.25] is a sequel to his *Looking Backward*, but is a social study rather than a novel, and is tame. Mr. Crawford's *Corleone* [Macmillan's. \$2.00] is one of his best.

Among American historical novels, *In Buff and Blue*, by G. B. Rodney; *Captain Shay*, a *Populist of 1776* [Little, Brown & Co. Each \$1.25], by G. R. R. Rivers; *Free to Serve* [Copeland & Day. \$1.50], by E. Rayner; and *A Colonial Witch* [Baker & Taylor. \$1.25], by F. S. Child, blend romance and fact entertainingly, and *An Unwilling Maid* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25], by Jeanie G. Lincoln, is more than ordinarily enjoyable; while *Mary Hartwell Catherwood's Jeanne d'Arc* [Century Co. \$1.50] tells the old story of the French heroine afresh and delightfully. Dr. W. E. Barton's *A Hero in Homespun* [Lamson, Wolfe & Co. \$1.50] is a faithful and striking study of East Tennessee in the War of the Rebellion, and *Lorraine* [Harpers. \$1.25], by R. E. Chapman, gives just as lifelike pictures of the Franco-Prussian War. Dr. E. F. Burr's *Fabius, the Roman* [Baker & Taylor. \$1.50], is a graphic picture of early Christian experiences in Rome. Mr. C. G. D. Roberts's *The Forge in the Forest* [Lamson, Wolfe & Co. \$1.50] is another delightful book, and so are Mrs. Helen C. Prince's inspiring *A Transatlantic Chatelaine* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25] and Miss Clara L. Burnham's lively *Miss Archer Archer* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25]. Mr. R. H. Davis's *Soldiers of Fortune* [Scribners. \$1.50] has deservedly added to his literary reputation, and P. L. Ford's *An Untold Love* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25] is both vigorous and touching.

Turning to foreign productions, Hall Caine's *The Christian* [Appleton. \$1.50] has been perhaps the most widely discussed story, but is melodramatic and overwrought, although not without brilliant and beautiful passages and a high purpose. S. R. Crockett's *Lochinvar* [Harpers. \$1.50], a dramatic tale of love and war, contains masterly scenes based on the familiar ballad, and S. R. Keightley's *The Last Recruit of Clare's* [Harpers. \$1.50] also is well written and exciting. Mrs. Flora A. Steel's *On the Face of the Waters* [Macmillan's. \$1.50] affords a thrilling picture of East Indian experiences in the terrible mutiny. *Through Lattice Windows* [Doubleday & McClure Co. \$1.25], by W. J. Dawson, is a series of character sketches which form a

fascinating village story. *Daniel* [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$1.75], the latest fruit of Mr. R. D. Blackmore's pen, is not his masterpiece, but is unique and engrossing. *The Gadfly* [Henry Holt. \$1.25], by E. L. Voynich, is one of the most picturesque and thrilling of recent novels, but is more forcible than graceful in its workmanship. *The Green Book* [Harpers. \$1.50], by Maurice Jokai, having for its main feature a conspiracy against Alexander I. of Russia, is intensely interesting and historically instructive. *The Sign of the Wooden Shoon* [F. Warne & Co. \$1.25], by Marshall Mather, depicts Lancashire character and dialect so as to bring out the dramatic element in even humble life.

Short Stories have been as numerous and readable as ever. Mrs. Burton Harrison's *A Merry Maid of Arcady and Other Stories* [Lamson, Wolfe & Co. \$1.50], diversified and agreeable; Ruth McE. Stuart's *In Simpskinsville* [Harpers. \$1.25], containing graphic scenes of simple life in Arkansas; Octave Thanet's *The Missionary Sheriff* [Harpers. \$1.25], Western in flavor as well as locality and lifelike in drawing; *A Story Teller's Pack* [Scribners. \$1.50], which illustrates the oddities of Mr. Frank R. Stockton's imagination; C. F. Lummis's *The King of the Bronchos* [Scribners. \$1.25] and C. F. Embrie's *For the Love of Tonita* [H. S. Stone. \$1.25], which group New Mexican incidents and actors strikingly; and Prof. Brander Matthews's *Outlines of Local Color* [Harpers. \$1.50], *Blanche Willis Howard's Seven on the Highway* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25] and Robert Herrick's *Literary Love Letters* [Scribners. 75 cents] are differently but genuinely entertaining; while Henryk Sienkiewicz's *Let Us Follow Him* [R. F. Fenno. \$1.00] possesses an individuality not easily forgotten. So does King Arthur and the Table Round [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$4.00], by W. W. Newell, which is unique as well as attractive.

The young people, as always, are well looked after by the publishers. On the list of *Juvenile Books* of noteworthy quality the most discussed—and it deserves to be—is Rudyard Kipling's lifelike *Captains Courageous* [Century Co. \$1.50], too well known to need comment. Others are *A Loyal Traitor* [Harpers. \$1.50], by James Barnes, a sea story of the War of 1812; *Redmond of the Seventh*, by Mrs. Frank Lee, and *Dan Drummond of the Drummonds*, by Gulielma Zollinger [Pilgrim Press. Each \$1.25], two wholesome and inspiring books for boys; *The Golden Galleon* [Scribners. \$1.50], by Robert Leighton, dealing with the England of the privateering period; *Master Skylark* [Century Co. \$1.50], by John Bennett, a pleasant sketch of the time of Shakespeare; *Emma Marshall's delightful In the Choir of Westminster Abbey* [Macmillan. \$1.50]; *The Young Puritans of Old Hadley* [Roberts Bros. \$1.25], by Mary P. W. Smith, a capital colonial story; *Washington's Young Aids* [Wilde. \$1.50], by E. T. Tomlinson, alive with the Revolutionary spirit; *Aaron in the Wildwoods* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$2.00], a fascinating book by "Uncle Remus"—Mr. Harris—about Southern swamp life; *The King of the Park* [Crowell. \$1.25], by Miss Marshall Saunders, a striking and original character study; and *A March on London* [Scribners. \$1.50], from Mr. G. A. Henty's pen and a story of Wat Tyler's insurrection; while with the younger children Mrs. Molesworth's pleasant *Mouse and Her Boys* [Macmillan. \$1.25], Mrs. Richards's *Three Margarets* [Estes & Lauriat. \$1.25], Miss Tucker's *Little Grown-Ups* [Stokes Co. \$2.00] and Mr. Lang's *Pink Fairy Book* [Longmans, Green & Co. \$2.00] are sure to be favorites; and Miss Praeger's droll *Adventures of Three Bold Babies* [Longmans, Green & Co. \$2.00], that engrossing tale, *Prince Uno* [Doubleday & McClure. \$1.25] and P. C. Asbjörn's picturesque *Fairy Tales from the Far North* [Armstrongs. \$2.00] are safe to take foremost honors.

The stream of *Poetry* has not flowed with

special copiousness, yet some good verse has been written. Mr. Gilder's volume *For the Country* [Century Co. \$1.00] contains verses read on a number of public occasions and alive with patriotic fire. Mr. Stedman's *Poems Now First Collected* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.50] preserves a choice company of his later writings, including his admirable ode written to be sung at Yale Commencement; Richard Burton's *Memorial Day and Other Poems* [Copeland & Day. \$1.25] is full of virile verse, and Bliss Carman's *Ballads of Lost Haven* [Lamson, Wolfe & Co. \$1.00] are truly musical. The *Builders and Others* [Scribners. \$1.50], by Dr. Henry van Dyke, includes the ode read at the 150th anniversary of Princeton University and a number of shorter productions. Mrs. Spofford's *In Titian's Garden* [Copeland & Day. \$1.25] and Mrs. Sangster's *Easter Bells* [Harpers. \$1.25] illustrate afresh their familiar and varied skill. Francis Thompson's *New Poems* [Copeland & Day. \$1.50] touch the deeper feelings and exhibit the instinct as well as the aptness of the real poet. The selected poems of James Clarence Mangan [Lamson, Wolfe & Co. \$1.50], edited by Louise I. Guiney, although not wholly a volume of poems, contains examples of the work of one of the most brilliant poetical geniuses of the century. Several volumes of poetry for the younger children also should be mentioned here, such as *Miss Wilkins's Once Upon a Time and Other Child Verses* [Lothrop. \$1.00]; *Little Folk Lyrics* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.50], by F. D. Sherman, tempting both by its verses and its pictures; and that bewitching nonsense book, *Lullaby Land* [Scribners. \$1.50], by the late Eugene Field.

The most eagerly read among works of *Travel and Adventure* undoubtedly has been Dr. Fridtjof Nansen's *Farthest North* [Harpers. \$10.00], a sumptuous work describing the daring and partially successful effort of the famous explorer and his party to illustrate certain novel theories of Arctic travel and to lessen the distance yet untrodden toward the northern pole. Mr. Poulteney Bigelow's *White Man's Africa* [Harpers. \$2.50] probably ranks next in interest and importance, and is a semi-political and very timely study of South African conditions as well as a lively narrative of personal experiences. Another work of exceptional significance just at present is Prof. W. M. Ramsay's *Impressions of Turkey* [Putnam's. \$1.75], the outcome of long and intimate personal knowledge of the country and covering a wide range of themes, a volume of expert testimony rendered in a truly judicial temper. John La Farge's *Artist's Letters from Japan* [Century Co. \$4.00] is rich in qualities which artists and literary people appreciate, but not equally popular in its manner. *Sketches Awheel in Modern Iberia* [Putnam's. \$2.00], by Fannie B. and W. H. Workman, is a record of an extended, delightful and well-described bicycle tour back and forth throughout Spain. Mr. J. A. Logan's account of his enjoyments as a guest at the last Russian coronation, entitled *In Joyful Russia* [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$3.50], is entertaining in a high degree, but represents only official and festal Russia; and F. Hopkinson Smith's *Gondola Days* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.50] is a rich treat, especially to those who know Venice more or less.

A few books on *Art or Architecture* are of note. One is Dr. Russell Sturgis's *European Architecture* [Macmillan Co. \$4.00], a somewhat technical but well proportioned and practically comprehensive and valuable manual. Another is *The History of Architecture* [Appletons. \$3.00], by C. T. Mathews, largely historical and the fruit of critical scholarship, but popular as well and lavishly illustrated. Another volume, by Prof. W. W. Martin, treats ably of a single department of the same great theme, and is a *Manual of Ecclesiastical Architecture* [Curts & Jennings. \$2.00], in which the development of architectural art is

treated with special attention, and which might serve as a text-book as well as a treasury of information. Prof. J. M. Hoppin's *Greek Art on Greek Soil* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$2.00] is an entertaining and edifying blending of reminiscences of travel with criticism upon works of art. Mr. E. A. Gardner's *Handbook of Greek Sculpture* [Macmillans. \$2.50] is clear and serviceable; and the new edition of Vasari's *Lives of Seventy of the Most Eminent Painters, Sculptors and Architects* [Scribners. \$8.00], by E. H. and E. W. Blashfield and A. A. Hopkins, is a fine example of success in modernizing a standard favorite so as to insure it a new lease of life.

Among *Educational* volumes Pres. C. F. Thwing's *The American College in American Life* [Putnam's. \$1.50] claims attention for its timeliness, its facts and its suggestiveness. Prof. G. P. Fisher's *Story of the Nations and Their Progress in Civilization* [American Book Co. \$1.50] also stands forth in the front, and so does Prof. H. T. Peck's *Dictionary of Classical Literature and Antiquities* [Harpers. \$6.00]. Five volumes of the *New American Supplement to the Encyclopedia Britannica* [Werner Co. Each \$3.00] supply an invaluable help to scholars; Smith's *Small History of Greece* [Harpers. \$1.00], rewritten by C. I. Brownson, is an excellent manual; and Prof. F. L. Pattee's *Reading Courses in American Literature* [Silver, Burdett & Co. 36 cents] is well planned for its purpose; and a delightful volume, fairly to be included here too, is John Corbin's *School-Boy Life in England* [Harpers. \$1.25], about Winchester, Eton and Rugby.

Two *Musical* publications of a high order for purposes of worship are *The Hymnal* [Pilgrim Press. \$1.25], issued by our own publishing society and the Presbyterian in union, and a superior piece of work, and *In Excelsis* [Century Co. \$1.35], also one of the best hymn-books ever compiled, in spite of the omission of some familiar hymns. Another choice collection is the *Handbook of Vocal Music* [Silver, Burdett & Co. \$1.00], compiled by J. W. Tufts, which is not an ordinary song-book, but an actual contribution to scientific pedagogy in music, and *Polyhymnia* [Scribners. \$1.50], by the same editor and publishers, offers a fine selection of quartets and choruses for male voices.

We already have mentioned necessarily many of the books published for the holiday trade. But the following are distinctively *Holiday Books*, being adapted peculiarly to serve well as Christmas or New Year's gifts.—Mr. E. H. Garrett's *Romance and Reality of the Puritan Coast* [Little & Brown], exquisite in text and illustration and charming in substance; *Some Colonial Homesteads and Their Stories* [Putnam's. \$3.00], by Marion Harland, rich in picturesque reminiscences; *Tennyson's In Memoriam* [Fords, Howard & Hulbert. \$3.50], illustrated lavishly and beautifully by Fenn and prefaced by Dr. Henry van Dyke; a new and pretty illustrated edition of *Wordsworth* [Longmans, Green & Co. \$2.00], with introduction by Andrew Lang; the two conspicuously handsome volumes, *All Hands, Pictures of Life in the United States Navy* [Harpers. \$5.00], by R. F. Zogbaum, a volume of large, life-like, diversified and admirably executed scenes; *London as Seen by C. D. Gibson* [Scribners. \$5.00], the artist, who has caught and fixed with his pencil dozens of the most typical scenes and characters; and *Life's Comedy*, second series [Scribners. \$1.50], in which a host of the wittiest and most timely hits and illustrations are reproduced from *Life*.

Some volumes always remain unclassified after such a retrospect as that which we have made, and must be grouped together as *Miscellaneous*. This year one of them is Dr. L. M. Keasby's *The Nicaraguan Canal* [Putnam's. \$3.50], a thorough, sensible study of the prospects of the canal and of the proper relations thereto of the United States Government. Another is the second volume of Mr.

G. H. Putnam's remarkable work, *Books and Their Makers During the Middle Ages* [Putnam's. \$2.50], a masterly example of research. Others are ex-President Harrison's *This Country of Ours* [Scribners. \$1.50], and *Parties and Politics* [Lippincotts. 50 cents], a timely and suggestive study of present conditions, by some unnamed author. *The Liquor Problem* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25], written by Messrs. F. H. Wines and John Koren under the direction of Presidents Eliot and Low and Mr. J. C. Carter, deserves praise as probably the most careful and impartial study of the liquor problem in seven different States which ever has been made. It is full of the most useful information for reformers. Mr. W. A. Wyckoff's revelations in *The Workers* [Scribners. \$1.25] of the inside of the life of the day-laborer also are as suggestive as they are timely and interesting, and Mr. E. S. Zenker's book, *Anarchism* [Putnam's. \$1.50], abundantly merits study. *Studies in Psychological Research* [Putnam's. \$2.00], by Frank Podmore, is a recapitulation of careful investigations, and the novel book of A. A. Hopkins and H. R. Evans, called *Magic* [Munn & Co. \$2.00], also demands a word, as it is an elaborate and unique publication in its way.

BOOK REVIEWS

THE CONCEPTION OF GOD

The second volume of the projected publications of the Philosophical Union of the University of California, Professor Watson's *Christianity and Idealism*, appeared some months ago out of its proper order. We now have the first volume entitled as above. It includes contributions by Prof. Josiah Royce of Harvard, Joseph LeConte and G. H. Howison of the University of California and L. E. Mezes of the University of Texas. It is a philosophical discussion in regard to the nature of the divine idea as a demonstrable reality. Such a volume is intended only for specialists in philosophy and metaphysics and sounds depths which the ordinary reader cannot penetrate. It will influence a much broader circle than that composed of its actual readers, but it will do so indirectly, teaching the teachers of others.

Its first part is an address on *The Conception of God*, by Professor Royce, an argument for the reality of the omniscient, in which also are set forth the relation of this conception of God to the historic philosophy and faith. The three following papers by Professor Royce's colleagues are comments and in large part criticisms upon his position, and the closing essay on the Absolute and the Individual is Professor Royce's last word. The special significance of the work may be said to lie in the question, Can the reality of human free agency, of moral responsibility and universal moral aspiration, of unlimited spiritual hope for every soul be made out—can it even be held—consistently with the theory of an immanent God? Professor Royce, who represents idealistic monism, takes the affirmative, with the proviso that there must be a critically discriminating knowledge of what moral autonomy in truth can mean. His colleagues differ more or less radically from his views and argue for their respective beliefs.

All four contributors to the volume are original, forceful and daring thinkers sincerely searching for truth. That they do not reach a more positive conclusion in common was perhaps to be expected. That their discussion is of the first interest and importance to experts is undeniable. The work of such a volume is to throw light, and that work this volume well may be conceded to perform, but the full light has not yet dawned, and it is a subject for thankfulness that the world does not need a final and complete philosophical definition of the great Creator and Father, should such be attainable at all, in order to love him and believe in him. [Macmillan & Co. \$1.25.]

STUDIES IN PSYCHICAL RESEARCH

The subject of this volume is being discussed at present not only popularly but in occasional

treatises of a scientific character. It is not long since a committee of the trustees of the University of Pennsylvania published the results of some years of investigation and experiment. And the American and English Societies for Psychical Research also have issued descriptions of their investigations and statements of their conclusions from time to time. The author of this volume, Mr. Frank Podmore, is a prominent member of the English Society for Psychical Research, and in these pages he endeavors to estimate the value of the work thus far done by the society through its committees as well as by individual members. The conclusions which are believed to be justified also are set forth. The topics of some of the chapters indicate well the themes which are considered. Among them are the Physical Phenomena of Spiritualism, Spiritualism and Psychical Research, Madame Blavatsky and Theosophy, Experimental Thought-transference, and such other experiences as are connected with Telepathic Hallucinations, Ghosts, Haunted Houses, Premonitions and Previsions, Secondary Consciousness, Impersonation, Obsession and Clairvoyance.

No reader can fail to be impressed with the impartiality and judicial temper of the writer. He evidently has endeavored honestly, and we think successfully in the main, to weigh carefully every circumstance in connection with every case which is considered and to allow no bias to affect his judgment. Undoubtedly, however, Spiritualists, and others who believe more or less in the supernatural origin of such phenomena as are here discussed, will accuse Mr. Podmore of unwillingness to accept evidence which is trustworthy. There are many cases recorded in the book in respect to which definite and positive testimony is rejected by him because of some possibility of its being more or less unconsciously affected by the sympathies of its giver. There is an inevitable conflict between the evidence of such witnesses and the critical discrimination of such a judge. Without disputing in the least the honesty of these witnesses, it must be conceded that the author is entirely right in his position. The question before his mind in every case was not, Is this witness honest? but, Is there sufficient reason for believing to be also true that which he has honestly declared? And nothing can be accepted as trustworthy in such matters which is not absolutely and firmly established.

The application of this rule necessarily reduces to very small compass the results which can be recorded as credible. The most and the best which can be said is that some cases of thought-transference have possessed many marks of authenticity and trustworthiness. Most of the supposed examples of supernatural appearances or revelations are to be explained by some philosophical or physical law. A very small percentage of all the claims which have been made bear sifting and close investigation, but as the result of the fifteen years of effort of the Society of Psychical Research it is claimed by the author that there seem to be evidences that something more than mere telepathy is a fact, and that genuine, or at least inexplicable, illustrations of it are known, although these are extremely rare. The volume will go far to confirm scientific students of the subject in cautious yet candid methods of investigation. It is worth noting, in passing, that the author holds Madame Blavatsky and Theosophy in well-merited contempt. [G. P. Putnam's Sons. \$2.00.]

RELIGIOUS

The second volume of Dr. G. H. Dryer's *History of the Christian Church* [Curts & Jennings. \$1.50] bears the sub-title *The Preparation for Modern Times*. It covers the period between 600 and 1517 A. D., including the middle ages. It deals with the development of the great struggle between ecclesiasticism and political arbitrariness on the one side and the expanding and strengthening intelligence of the world on the other.

The Crusades are described in their origin, character and consequences, and the influence of such vitally important inventions as the printing press receives due attention. The rise of Mohammedanism, the formation of the mediæval church, the conversion of the Northern and Eastern nations, the development of the papacy, the decline of the church and the social life of the period are prominent topics, and all in general and in detail the author has exhibited a scholarly mastery of the essentials of his theme, and has shaped and narrated his story so that not only scholars but also the great reading public can depend upon receiving lucid, trustworthy and permanent information from its pages.

In *The Picket Line of Missions* [Eaton & Mains. 90 cents], to which Bishop W. X. Ninde has supplied the introduction, are sketches of David Livingstone, Alexander M. Mackay, John Kenneth McKenzie, James W. Thoburn and others, all pioneer missionaries who illustrate heroism, both moral and physical, in the service of Christ and their unevangelized fellowmen. The sketches are well conceived and readable, and the book will find a natural place in the Sunday school library and the general literature of missions. —There, too, belongs *Seven Years in Sierra Leone* [F. H. Revell Co. \$1.00], which is a story of the work of Rev. W. A. B. Johnson, told by Rev. A. T. Pierson, D. D. Mr. Johnson labored for seven years in Regent's Town, Sierra Leone, and did good and faithful service, and his biographer has described his useful career effectively.

Seven discourses by Dr. T. T. Munger make up a prettily bound volume called *Character Through Inspiration and Other Papers* [Thos. Whittaker. 50 cents], the seventh in the series of Small Books on Great Subjects. They discuss some of the practical aspects of Christianity in a thoughtful and inspiring manner, not neglecting the profound spiritual significance of life. They illustrate the author's characteristic charm of style and deal with truth discriminatingly and impressively. —*The Christ of Yesterday, Today and Forever and Other Sermons* [Roberts Bros. \$1.50] is a volume of discourses by Rev. E. H. Byington, D. D. Its contents have been selected from materials of which he has made actual use, and they present vital spiritual truths in a clear and earnest manner and with noticeable literary finish. They are fresh and sensible presentations of familiar teachings, and the volume is one of the best of its sort.

Bible Study by Doctrines [Revell Co. 50 cents] contains twenty-four studies by Rev. H. T. Sell, which will be found to be a useful and convenient aid to doctrinal study. The author's purpose is to explain fundamental principles and to bring out points of union between Christians of different names. The ground has been covered before, but there is abundant room for such a terse and comprehensive manual as this. Its contents have been tested by use on the part of the author and they are admirably adapted to their purpose. —In *The Potter's Wheel* [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$1.25], by Dr. John Watson—Ian MacLaren—are sixteen essays upon the relation of religion to life, which deal appreciatively with such subjects as Broken Homes, Trials of Faith, Vexatious Children, Our Departed, etc. Most, if not all, of them have been printed before, some of them in our own columns. They teach Christ's mission afresh in a simple and effective fashion and form a volume of more than ordinary value for the culture of personal piety. —Richard Le Gallienne's *If I Were God* [T. Y. Crowell & Co. 50 cents] contains lessons of resignation and faith in the form of a little story, the merest sketch, yet so aptly and tenderly expressed as to leave a deep impression. It is a graceful piece of literary work and will have value in removing doubts from the heart. —Another volume by the prolific Andrew Murray is *Absolute Surrender and Other Addresses* [Revell Co. 30 cents]. It contains nine papers in the author's

familiar vein of practical piety and in his customary earnest and emotional manner.

Ten little volumes, handsomely printed and bound, alike in style and of generally similar character, are sent us by Messrs. T. Y. Crowell & Co. They are entitled: *The Christ-filled Life*, by Rev. Charles C. Hall, D. D.; *Wherefore, O God?* by Charles Herbert; *The Soul's Quest After God*, by Lyman Abbott, D. D.; *By the Still Waters*, by J. R. Miller, D. D.; *Ships and Havens*, by Henry van Dyke, D. D.; *Giving What We Have*, by Anna R. B. Lindsay; *Of Intercourse With God*, by J. B. Saint-Jure; *Heavenly Recognition*, by T. D. Talmage, D. D.; *Self Culture*, by W. E. Channing, D. D.; and *True Womanhood*, by W. Cunningham, D. D. [Each 35 cents]. They present different aspects of Christian truth of practical and wholesome character, and will do good service as aids to the devotional life. One or two of them are somewhat less directly spiritual than the others, notably Dr. Cunningham's and Dr. Channing's. But these are not at all inappropriate to such a collection. The value of such books is widely recognized, and they are sure to find considerable favor. —*Life on High Levels* [Eaton & Mains. 90 cents] is a larger work, somewhat in the same vein, by Mrs. Margaret E. Sangster. It contains familiar talks on the conduct of life. It abounds in good sense, in judicious suggestion and in appreciation of the different conditions of common life, and, although little of it is specifically religious, the undertone of the book is spiritual in the highest and best sense throughout. It is one of the books which young people will read who turn away from most volumes of the sort, and is a good example—one of the best—of the literature of its class.

The twenty-fourth volume of Peloubet's *Select Notes on the International Lessons* [W. A. Wilde & Co. \$1.25] is still an improvement on its predecessor. The lessons of 1898 are treated as formerly, but the numerous illustrations are finer and more helpful than in any of the previous volumes. They mostly are taken from photographs. Sunday school teachers who have used the *Select Notes* find them almost indispensable.

BIOGRAPHICAL

The Exploits of Myles Standish [D. Appleton & Co. \$1.50], by Henry Johnson (Muirhead Robertson), is a careful and successful study of the career and character of the great Pilgrim leader. The author appears to be an Englishman, and he has made mistakes, some of which an American probably would have escaped. He calls Bradford John instead of William. He says of the jackscrew used to replace the buckled beam in the Mayflower that the master had it "brought on board." The ship was in mid-ocean, and of course it had been on board her ever since she was loaded. There is no evidence that his statement is true that the master of the Mayflower carried the Pilgrims to Cape Cod purposely, instead of to the Hudson. That theory has been exploded. His portrayal of Squanto fails to do justice to Squanto's general fidelity to the Pilgrims. He does not intimate the improvement of Oldham's behavior in his later life and the change of feeling toward him on that account at Plymouth. Moreover, some of his proper names are wrong. He always says Nansett for Nausett, and Massasoiet for Massasoit. Nevertheless the main purpose of the book—to portray the doughty captain vividly and fairly—has been attained, and the picture of early Pilgrim colonial life which is given is in the main exact and trustworthy. Evidently the author has taken pains to inform himself, and he also possesses a good degree of literary ability. A few illustrations render the book additionally pleasing.

Col. H. R. Gordon's portrayal of the character and surroundings of Pontiac, Chief of the Ottawas [E. P. Dutton & Co. \$1.50] form a vivid and instructive sketch, based upon the siege of Detroit. It presents a skillful study of the famous Indian's individuality, conveyed

without sacrificing the rapid movement and engrossing interest of the narrative. And both as bearing upon history and as an interpretation of character the book is of a high order, while its interest grows to the close.

—Our musical readers, especially those who are somewhat familiar with the history of music, will be pleased with *Marchesi and Music* [Harper & Bros. \$2.50], by Mathilde Marchesi, containing passages from the life of this famous teacher of singing. It is autobiographical, being intended at first simply for Madam Marchesi's relatives. But its interest is such that the desire naturally was expressed that a wider circle of readers might be permitted to enjoy it. The volume will find many friends, indeed, partly because of the well-deserved reputation of the author, partly because of the great inherent interest of her career and the pleasant fashion in which it is described, and partly because of the opportunity to meet through her, agreeably if only indirectly, so many of the most familiar of the musical celebrities of the closing century. Much of it is a record of travel, and of course it deals intimately with the subject of musical culture. It is an excellent piece of work and it deserves to rank with such volumes as the *Memoirs of Ardit*, which we noticed a short time ago.

Mr. D. J. Deane's account of *Philip Melancthon* [Revell Co. 75 cents] is a good example of condensed biography, containing all which most people need to know, well proportioned, pleasantly written and affording a comprehensive and satisfactory idea of its subject. —*William the Silent* [Macmillan Co. 75 cents], by Frederic Harrison, is one of the Foreign Statesmen series. It is scholarly, lucid and readable, describing one of the most interesting, as well as eminent, characters in the history of the sixteenth century. His life has been written many a time, but its hold upon popular interest never flags. —*Bishop Cobbs and His Contemporaries* [Jas. Pott & Co. \$1.00] is by Prof. Greenough White. Its subject, Dr. Nicholas Hamner Cobbs, was the first bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Alabama. Bishop Cobbs's life covered the period between 1795 and 1860. He was a pre-eminent figure in the Episcopal Church at the South, and rendered it important and lasting service. There is ample reason why the biography of such a man should be put into permanent form, and the author of this book has done his work well.

There was a degree of pathos in the story of King Amadeus of Spain, who abdicated his throne some years ago and resumed his former title of Duke of Aosta, and Mr. H. R. Whitehouse in *The Sacrifice of a Throne* [Bonnell, Silver & Co. \$1.50] has told at some length and with appreciative sympathy the story of his life, and has given a pleasant picture of his character. Amadeus never occupied a very prominent position in the eyes of the world, in spite of the fact that he was king of Spain, but his career abundantly deserves chronicling and his character was one of noble and honorable parts. The author has rendered him and the world a creditable service in these pages.

POETICAL

Messrs. Fords, Howard & Hulbert are the sponsors of one of the most beautiful of the current holiday publications. It is a new edition of Tennyson's *In Memoriam* [\$3.50]. The familiar poem has been enriched by a careful analysis and interpretation in the form of a preface by Dr. Henry van Dyke, and its significance is further illumined by a wealth of delicate and appropriate illustrations by Harry Fenn. It is an exquisite piece of work and its many lessons thus presented will come home to the reader with new and lasting force. Some of the illustrations deserve special mention had we space. —The volume of *Wordsworth* [Longmans, Green & Co. \$2.00] in the *Selections from the Poets* has been edited by Andrew Lang, who has performed the task with good judgment and cordial sympathy.

Illustrations, and expressive ones, have been supplied by Alfred Parsons, and the edition is one which the reading world will welcome. It is handsomely printed and bound and in all respects deserves to be a favorite.

Poems Now First Collected [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.50], by E. C. Stedman, contains the author's work of recent years. It proves him to have continued to write freely, and it illustrates a large variety of both subject and manner. As a rule, the poems are arranged chronologically in their respective divisions, and in sentiment, in form and in their power to enter into human feeling and express it felicitously, which is the secret of the true poet, as well as in that musicalness of utterance, without which even a true poet fails to do himself justice, the distinguished author reaches some of his highest successes. —Martin Swift is the author of *Love's Way and Other Poems* [A. C. McClurg & Co. \$1.25] and his verse exhibits considerable ability in respect to poetical conception with some power of rhythmical expression. The poems vary considerably in excellence and interest but the best are very creditable.

Most people would enjoy *Songs Ysane* [L. C. Page & Co. \$1.25] better if they knew what "Ysane" means. It has a charming mediæval sound, but for all that we, at any rate, know to the contrary it may be a scientific term, or even a geographical appellation. Those who, nevertheless, read the volume will grant that its authors, Annie F. Johnston and Albion F. Bacon, have offered their readers some more than ordinarily agreeable verses. The productions of each author are printed by themselves, but their characteristics are somewhat unusual. We like best in each case the simpler verses which deal with subjects drawn from nature and common life, but the spirit, substance and form of their poems alike deserve a good word. —The contents of *Victory and Other Poems* [Copeland & Day. \$1.25], by Hannah P. Kimball, are chiefly short poems, and often the more impressive for their brevity. They appeal to the deeper feelings and illustrate a somewhat unusual comprehension of the graver elements of human nature. There is little or no mirth in the book, but the lover of serious, thoughtful, uplifting poetry will find it responsive to his desires. The versification is simple and skillful. —*Memorial Day and Other Poems* [Copeland & Day. \$1.25] is made up of compositions by Richard Burton, well known to our own readers. This, too, is a volume of the more elevated type of poetry, and few volumes of the year contain more genuine or more enjoyable verse than this.

The Epic of Paul [Funk & Wagnalls. \$1.50] is an ambitious poem by W. C. Wilkinson. It is a study and interpretation of an important portion of the life and of the character of the great apostle, and it has much of the interest which every endeavor of a thoughtful mind, busy with high themes and anxious to impress them upon the world, must have. It is longer than seems to be necessary, and the reader's interest flags at times, but it contains many noble passages and it is a striking piece of work in more than one way. But it is clearly open to the serious charge of often failing to impress one as being poetry. Much of it is simply prose printed in the form of verse. As a poem it is not a success. —*Poetical Sermons* [G. P. Putnam's Sons. \$1.50], by W. E. Davenport, contains the Ballad of Plymouth Church, a somewhat unique production, and several dozens of other poems, a few of which strike one pleasantly and most of which are to be commended for their Christian purpose, but as to which little more can be said. The author seems to be one of the victims of the late Walt Whitman and has endeavored, with some success, to imitate that so-called poet's incoherent, self-conscious and tiresomely fragmentary style. He takes too large a contract in his opening lines:

I am that man ordained from the beginning to meet
you soul to soul;

To satisfy you about death and life, and to persuade
you as to your own nature.

The book is uninteresting. It is pious, but not poetical.

Mr. A. R. Darrow's volume, *Poems of the Gospel* [Revell Co. \$1.00], is less pretentious and more satisfactory. It sets forth in simple and pleasant verse certain Scriptural incidents and teachings. It is agreeable in form, inspiring in sentiment and tastefully bound and illustrated. —A volume of consolation and cheer of a very practical and serviceable character is *In Green Pastures* [E. P. Dutton & Co. \$1.25], in which many of the choicest poems of eminent authors, fairly deserving to be called poems of faith, hope and comfort, are collected and are prettily printed with some enjoyable pictures. It is a volume which many will come to treat as a close friend. —The author of *Berquin* [Charles Scribner's Sons. \$1.00], Elizabeth G. Crane, has exhibited a good degree of dramatic power and her poem is of decided interest. It deals with French court life and characters in the early part of the sixteenth century. The versification is creditable and the conception of the drama is vigorous and well sustained. There are some passages which one likes to read over and over again, and the element of humor is not lacking, though grave matters claim the attention for the most part.

The poems of Sam Walter Foss have been given to the world through so many publications that his name ought to be familiar. Many of his utterances have been collected and, with some additions, are now issued in *Dreams in Homespun* [Lee & Shepard. \$1.50]. He does not depend upon dialect to any great extent, we are glad to see, but writes in plain English. He voices the sentiments of plain people about a great variety of subjects with lively appreciation and no little power of rhythmical and musical expression. Poems of this sort, if they do not rise to the highest level of conception and execution, rise high enough to gratify thousands of readers and to make many an existence brighter. —Miss Mary E. Wilkins, in *Once Upon a Time and Other Child Verses* [Lothrop Pub. Co. \$1.00], has shown that her ability in imagination and expression is by no means confined to novels and short stories. This is a book of poems for little children. Its contents are diversified and tempting in subject and very charming in versification. Some of her conceptions are as quaint as they are pretty. The illustrations, by Etheldred D. Barry, add much to the attractiveness of the volume.

Little Folk Lyrics [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.50], by Frank D. Sherman, is for the children, and consists of bright and musical little poems, suggested by nature for the most part, and richly and beautifully illustrated by Maud and Genevieve Knowles. It is a charming book and will be a universal favorite. —Here, too, should be named *Lullaby Land* [Charles Scribner's Sons. \$1.50], by the late Eugene Field, a choice selection of nonsense verses such as the little children relish to the full. Kenneth Grahame has supplied an appreciative preface, and is the artist whose quaint and striking designs, as peculiar and admirable as they are numerous, accompany the verses. It would be well for more of us sometimes to venture into Nonsense Land to relieve the tension of life, and no better gateway, nor any more thoroughly qualified guides, can be found than this book and its author and illustrator. It will be one of the first favorites among this year's holiday books. —*Taken from "Life"* [Doubleday & McClure Co. 75 cents] is a dainty little volume of verses and sketches gathered from the columns of *Life*. The poetry is very light but always amusing and is good work of its sort. The pictures are well executed, appropriate and spirited.

NOVELS

If Mr. R. D. Blackmore was not the author of Lorna Doone his new story, *Daniel* [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$1.75], probably would strike his readers as somewhat remarkable. But it is

almost instinctive to compare everything else which he has written with that acknowledged masterpiece. *Daniel* is by no means its equal. Nevertheless, it is a picturesque and touching story, abounding in striking delineations of character, sweet, true and tender, like that of the heroine; sturdy, sensible and daring, like that of the hero; lofty and noble, like that of Sür Imar; unscrupulous and devilish, like those of the villains of the plot, who, nevertheless, almost win respect by the very boldness of their crimes. Not the least attractive character is the reckless, happy-go-lucky, almost unprincipled, and yet trusty and ingenious adventurer. The plot is a daring one and hardly can be conceded to be probable, either in its general features or in some of its details, but it is well wrought out and beautiful descriptions, many of which are literary gems, enliven the somewhat uneven but usually spirited and often exciting action of the book. All in all, in spite of many faults, it is a remarkable story of intense interest, and entirely different, except in a certain manner here or there, from any of the author's other stories. —*Lorraine* [Harpers. \$1.25], by R. E. Chapman, a story of the Franco-Prussian war, from the point of view of one who sympathized with the French, although having friends on each side, is one of the most graceful, graphic, and thoroughly engrossing novels of the year. Alike as a character study and as a piece of history it is a fine example of work. The conflict is described as we have never known it to be by any one else, not so much as a record of battles as a revelation of what war is. The author takes his readers into the midst of it, and makes them participate in it and realize it. And a most tender and beautiful love story is interwoven with the narrative. The shadows of the tale would be deep enough without one or two episodes and, if the final discovery as to the heroine be based upon fact, the good taste of directing attention to it before the death of all immediately concerned is open to question. But no defects which are noticeable in the book are sufficient to detract much from its unusual excellence and its superior charm.

Another tale of colonial New York, in these days a fruitful theme for novelists, is *Free to Serve* [Copeland & Day. \$1.50], by E. Rayner. Its central feature is the old custom of bondage, by which a free man or woman, unable to pay for passage to the colony used to be sold into service for a term of years, thereby repaying passage money advanced. The conditions of the bondage here described are unusual and the romance of the tale includes an engrossing love story, as well as many other dramatic features. It is interesting throughout and its pictures of colonial life are vivid and apparently faithful. —*An Unwilling Maid* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25], by Jeanie G. Lincoln, deserves high praise. Few recent stories surpass it in the fortunate blending of vivacity and sweetness and stern loyalty to duty and tender and pathetic experiences. It is fascinatingly written, and every chapter increases its delightfulness. The heroine is a winsome little patriot, bewitching and thoroughly girlish and yet a high-spirited and self-sacrificing woman in spite of her youth. All the characters are drawn with firmness and skill and the slight plot is sufficient to afford a stage for a great deal of eventful and thrilling action. How far the book is based upon fact we do not know, but it certainly exhibits the results of close study of colonial life and character, and will make a most welcome Christmas present for the young girls. —Another fine love story, more peaceful in its conditions and distinguished by its lofty ideals and its choice style is *An Untold Love* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25], by Paul Leicester Ford. It will increase deservedly the rapidly rising reputation of its author, and it is one of those stories which appeal to what is best in the reader and which grow in interest from the first page to the last.

We like *Fabius the Roman* [Baker & Tay-

lor Co. \$1.50], by Dr. E. F. Burr, very much indeed. It pictures the Rome of the time of Maxentius at the beginning of the fourth century, and it describes vividly the persecutions of the Christians, their gradual conversion to a policy of resistance and the victory of Constantine, which gave them their freedom. Dr. Burr has made careful studies of the characteristics of the period, and his familiar descriptive power is illustrated agreeably. The romantic element abounds, and the development of the mutual affection of the hero and heroine is one of the most pleasing features of the story. Moreover, the book teaches powerfully the value, in a good cause, of fearless daring. It should be put into every Sunday school library, and will be a welcome addition to the books of its sort in every Christian home. —*A Girl's Ordeal* [H. T. Coates & Co. \$1.25], by Mrs. Lucy C. Lillie, is a novel containing strong lights and shadows, with marked contrasts of nobility and baseness, love and treachery, wealth and poverty, and its character is sufficiently melodramatic to attract certain readers while it will repel others. It is a good book, on the whole, but the author's habit of indicating by the use of profuse italics where emphasis ought to be thrown, instead of trusting to the reader to perceive the sense, is a serious blemish.

In *What Maisie Knew* [H. S. Stone & Co. \$1.50] Henry James has illustrated with some success his peculiar artistic ingenuity, but has failed to do himself any honor. In spite of his deftness in handling conditions—and it resembles that of the juggler who keeps three balls in the air at once—this book is tedious and worse. If there is anything more revolting than the spectacle here presented of an innocent young girl, the merest child, who is tossed back and forth from one of her divorced parents to the other, cared for largely by their respective partners in shadiness, and familiarized, not to say steeped, in an atmosphere of base and shameful allusions and caused to develop within herself a premature and morbid acuteness of appreciation of marital infidelity and kindred subjects—if anything is more revolting than this, we are at a loss to imagine it. That Mr. James should have sunk so low in order to find a field for the illustration of his undeniable literary adroitness would be incredible if the book were not before us. —One turns with a sense of great relief to *The King's Highway* [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$1.25], by Mrs. Amelia E. Barr. It is not one of her best books from the point of view of the critic, nor even one of her most ambitious. It is a wholesome story with a strong Christian influence, enjoyable, yet hardly engrossing, and with some overwrought passages, although none are sufficiently unnatural to disturb the reader. It is a study of the use and abuse of wealth.

Unkind, Unkind! [Harpers. \$1.25] is by Violet Hunt. A flirt and her jealous husband, an archaeologist, and his even more jealous secretary and a fairly clear-headed observer and historian are the principal characters in this book, the scene of which is in Scotland, the events of which are enough to make one's hair rise, and the reader of which may not regret having read it, but hardly will advise anybody else to do so. —One wishes some explanation of *Stuart and Bamboo* [Harpers. \$1.25], by Mrs. Sarah P. McLean Green. How came the heroine where she was? Why did she remain where she did and marry as she did? She is absolutely out of harmony with her surroundings except in a certain spiritual sympathy. The story is pretty, lively and sometimes touching, but shows the author's ability to describe people and conversations far more successfully than the power of construction. It is a crude, incomplete production, with numerous delightful passages.

Through Lattice Windows [Doubleday & McClure Co. \$1.25], by W. J. Dawson, is so good a book that it seems unhandsome to wonder if it would ever have been written had

not two or three other such books—*A Window in Thrums*, for example—been published first. Whether it would have been or not, we are heartily glad that it has been. It is not an epoch-making work, but its sketches of people and experiences in the little English village of Barford reveal a keen insight into character, a warm sympathy for trouble and sorrow, a lively appreciation of quaintness of disposition and the ability to do it justice, and that atmosphere of real human feeling which goes far to make any story which possesses it successful, and without which there may be literary form and finish, but failure to touch the heart. —*Walled In* [F. H. Revell Co. 75 cents], by W. O. Stoddard, is a story—and a true one—of prison life on Randall's Island, New York, and of the successful outcome of endeavors on the part of certain youthful prisoners to turn over a new leaf. It is written with the author's familiar brightness of style and is a capital book. —*Ye Nexte Thyngs* [F. H. Revell Co. 30 cents], by Eleanor Sutphen, suggested by Mrs. G. A. Paul's well-known hymn, is another very readable and helpful little story adapted to promote Christian character and to thoroughly interest young people by its aptness of suggestion.

The writings of Amanda M. Douglas always tend to promote high ideals and strengthen character in the reader, and this is pre-eminently true of *Her Place in the World* [Lee & Shepard. \$1.50]. It is different in some respects from her earlier books, but resembles them in its successful delineations of personality and in the interest of its movement. It is one of the books that young girls enjoy and by which they are helped. —*Taken by Siege* [Chas. Scribner. \$1.25] is by Jeanette L. Gilder. It was written some ten years ago and published anonymously in *Lippincott's Magazine*. Subsequently it came out as a volume and is now reissued again. It is a modern work, with many excellences, and deserves its popularity. —Mrs. Molesworth writes so many stories that we are continually surprised to realize how good they are. The latest one which we have seen is *Meg Langholme, or The Day After Tomorrow* [Lee & Shepard. \$1.25]. It is vivacious, almost chatty, in style and its current flows evenly and entertainingly. Portions of it are picturesque and throughout it is thoroughly interesting. —*The Right Side of the Car* [R. G. Badger & Co. \$1.00], by J. U. Lloyd, is a very short sketch of an experience in railway travel. It makes one or two helpful impressions somewhat touchingly and is gracefully written.

SHORT STORIES

Let Us Follow Him, and Other Stories [R. F. Fennell & Co. \$1.00], by Henryk Siemkiewicz, contains short stories of which it may safely be said that no one else would have written them. They are full of the peculiar personality of the author, than whom no man is more individual, even while he follows with some care the conventionalities of literature. There is a spiritual significance, moreover, in these tales, which lifts them above ordinary examples of their class. They are striking and deeply impressive. —Several short stories by C. F. Embrie are gathered in a pretty volume entitled, *For the Love of Tomita and Other Tales of the Mesas* [H. S. Stone & Co. \$1.25]. The author seems to be familiar with the Southwest, apparently in New Mexico, and he has reproduced many of the most picturesque characteristics of its common life in these graphic sketches. The element of humor is not lacking, and they abound in glimpses of that simple and picturesque human nature which exists in all such regions under the veneering of more or less uncivilized manners. The stories are dramatic in character and good examples of literary skill.

The Skipper's Wooing and the Brown Man's Servant [F. A. Stokes Co. \$1.00], by W. W. Jacobs, are bound together in one volume. They are somewhat realistic, well studied and wrought bits of experience drawn

from the life of the wharves and the deck.—The Doubleday & McClure Co. have issued in a box three tempting volumes of *Little Masterpieces* [Each 30 cents], as companions. They contain selections from the writings of Poe, Hawthorne and Washington Irving. The portrait of each author serves as the frontispiece to his special volume, and, although the volumes are small, they are printed clearly and handsomely. The series was edited by Bliss Perry, and offers characteristic examples of each author in an unusually attractive form.—From the same publisher comes another pretty little book, *Tales from McClure's* [25 cents], in which are seven stories by Octave Thanet and other writers, all dealing with Western scenes and characters. In fact, this book bears the subtitle *The West*. They are graphic stories, tastefully reissued and illustrated.—So is *Adventures* [Doubleday & McClure. 25 cents], containing six bright and exciting short stories taken from *McClure's Magazine*. The *Mistress of the Foundry*, *A Leap in the Dark* and others. The book is a pocket volume, is neatly printed and has illustrations. It is a pleasant companion for a railway journey.

Seven on the Highway [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.25], by Blanche Willis Howard, contains seven sketches from her pen, some of which, if not all, we believe to have appeared in the magazines. They are vivacious, yet thoughtful and sometimes touching, and even pathetic, and from cover to cover the book is thoroughly readable and enjoyable.—*Stories from Italy* [A. C. McClurg & Co. \$1.25], by G. S. Godkin, contains four stories which belong together and two independent sketches. The flavor of the South pervades the book, and the portrayals of individuality and of natural scenery are alike gratifying.

JUVENILE

A new volume of the Brain and Brawn series is *The Beach Patrol* [W. A. Wilde & Co. \$1.50], by William Drysdale. It is a story of the life-saving service and, besides being at once practical and interesting, it is promotive of the best elements of character and also gives a spirited picture of the labors and dangers to which members of the Life Saving Service are exposed, and which the general public seldom fully realizes.—Emma Marshall needs no introduction to our readers, and her new book, *In the Choir of Westminster Abbey* [Macmillan Co. \$1.50], which is based in part upon the life of Purcell, the great organist of Westminster 200 years ago, is especially interesting and will have exceptional attractiveness for musically inclined readers. Yet all the boys and girls will enjoy it and learn from it.—From Bonnell, Silver & Co. comes *Angel of the Tenement* [75 cents], by G. M. Martin. This is a pretty story of humble life in which the beauty and power of childhood are revealed with skill and tenderness. The old theme is made fresh and winning again.—*The Odd One* [Revell Co. \$1.00] is by the author of *Probable Sons*, etc. It is written in the same charming and engrossing style which the readers of that little story will remember. It is longer and more elaborate, but the quality holds out to the end. It is daintily illustrated by Mary A. Lathbury.

Readers of *The Orcutt Girls*, by Charlotte M. Vail, will enjoy its sequel, *Sue Orcutt* [W. A. Wilde & Co. \$1.50]. It is a sensible and elevating story of the educational life, and also in a degree of the love life, of certain sturdy and attractive young folks, whose trials and joys reveal the author's familiarity with common life and her skill in portraying it successfully. It is a living book and its influence will be that of a wise and acceptable friend.—*Rich Enough* [Roberts Bros. \$1.25], by Leigh Webster, touches with some skill on certain social problems and blends philanthropy with romance agreeably.—Amy E. Blanchard, who knows well how to write a good book for girls, has done it again in *Three Pretty Maids* [J. B. Lippincott Co. \$1.25]. If the romantic element rather out-

weighs the more strictly edifying certainly the romance is of a sort that no one need object to, and the tone and temper of the book are thoroughly excellent.—*A Little House in Pimlico* [A. C. McClurg & Co. \$1.50], by Marguerite Bouvet, describes some London children and their friends delightfully, and is a pleasant reminder of Little Lord Fauntleroy and books of that class.—The annual volume of *The Chatterbox* [Estes & Lauriat. \$1.25] is rich in stories, pictures, puzzles, poems and other attractions, as usual. And no more than this needs to be said.

Hezekiah Butterworth's *True to His Home* [D. Appleton & Co. \$1.50] is the seventh volume of the author's *Creators of Liberty* series. In this, as in the others, he dispenses history in the form of fiction, rendering each the more attractive by its alliance with the other. It is a tale of the boyhood of Benjamin Franklin and is written with spirit and power.

—A larger proportion of history and a smaller proportion of fiction are blended in *Commodore Bainbridge* [D. Appleton & Co. \$1.00], by James Barnes, a capital account of the career of one of the most famous officers in the history of the American navy. The only fiction about the book is in the fact that the author has been compelled to describe conversations and scenes of which no record can have been kept. That they must have occurred is true. The book is engrossing to readers of any age, but the boys especially will relish it.—Another Revolutionary story, and a good one, is *The Red Patriot* [D. Appleton & Co. \$1.50], by W. O. Stoddard. Mr. Stoddard needs no introduction to the boys and girls. He knows well how to make thrilling and impressive use of such material as the Revolution furnished in abundance, and the result is another exciting but not unwholesome volume for the young people.—Dr. L. A. Banks has furnished in *An Oregon Boyhood* [Lee & Shepard. \$1.25] vivid sketches of his own boyhood and youth in the far Northwest. It is a story of frontier life with its many vicissitudes and opportunities for adventure.

Washington's Young Aids [W. A. Wilde & Co. \$1.50], by E. T. Tomlinson, is a story of the New Jersey campaign of 1776-7. And it makes pleasant and effective use of familiar historical material. It is spirited and heightened. The boys and girls will enjoy it thoroughly and gain from it a good idea of the events of the period selected.—*The Happy Six* [Lee & Shepard. 75 cents], by Penn Shirley, belongs to the Silver Gate series. The familiar characters reappear and go on their travels, and their European experiences are unfolded vivaciously. The book well sustains the interest of its predecessors.—*Prince Uno, or Uncle Frank's Visit to Fairyland* [Doubleday & McClure. \$1.25] has a singular history. It was composed apparently while being told to a little boy almost at the point of death in order to divert his attention from his sufferings and prolong his life until the crisis of his disease should pass. The fertile imagination of the author proved equal to the terrible emergency, and subsequently it was recalled and written out. This fact in its history will create a deep interest in it, but its contents, quite apart from its origin, will render the children eager to possess the book. It is delightful in every respect. It has been illustrated admirably by W. D. Stevens.

Fairy Tales from the Far North [A. C. Armstrong & Son. \$2.00] have been translated by H. L. Braekstad from the Norwegian of P. C. Asbjørnsen, and the illustrations also are by Norwegian artists. The author of these tales is not widely known to American readers, but is becoming known throughout the English-speaking world by degrees as a fit successor of Hans Andersen. His fairy tales are as exciting as they are diversified, and are characterized by the true spirit of mystery and occasional weirdness which the boys and girls relish so thoroughly. The il-

lustrations are in keeping with the excellent qualities of the text, and the book will be one of the most popular.—*The Echo-Maid and Other Stories* [E. P. Dutton & Co. \$1.50] is by Alicia Aspinwall. These four stories are bright, lively and picturesque.—*Three Margarets* [Estes & Lauriat. \$1.25] is by Laura E. Richards, and is a spirited, breezy little story for the younger girls, sensible and improving, but as far as possible from being priggish or didactic. It is sure to be liked.

MISCELLANEOUS

Pres. C. F. Thwing, author of *The American College in American Life* [G. P. Putnam's Sons. \$1.50], is one of the best informed men upon his subject in this or any country, and college men should read the book with care. We have been especially interested in the chapter which, in a certain sense, compares Harvard, Yale and Princeton, but each of the other chapters has its own value. The book is exceedingly practical, and no thoughtful man can fail to acquire from it not only a greater respect for the American college but also a far more discriminating understanding of what college work is, how it is being carried on and what the value of a college training is in this present period of American history. Existing conditions, difficulties, needed adjustments and the general influence of such institutions are subjects on which all thoughtful men have something to say, but few have taken pains to study the topic so extensively as the author of this book. It is not a criticism, although it suggests defects. It is a statement and enforcement of what the scholarly world ought to understand.

In *The Romance of Discovery* [W. A. Wilde & Co. \$1.50] Dr. W. E. Griffis describes the explorations having for their object chiefly the occupation of new territory. Of course it deals chiefly with the expeditions hither from different European countries. It is written in the author's familiar spirited and enjoyable manner, groups the result of much investigation in an available form, and is thoroughly readable throughout, which cannot be said of all such books. It has the fault, which often accompanies such merits, of an occasional inaccuracy. For example, the late Professor Horsford's monument to the Norse discoverers is not in Malden, Mass., but in Weston. Moreover, the impression made, that the Pilgrim Fathers desired to settle in the Hudson River region, and must have been disappointed by the politic refusal of the Dutch Government to afford protection by convoy, is a mistake. Governor Bradford himself distinctly and specifically declares that one of the chief objects of the Pilgrims in colonizing was to escape from Dutch influence and surroundings.

Bird lovers will relish *Bird Neighbors* [Doubleday & McClure Co. \$2.00]. The author is Neltje Blanchan, and John Burroughs has supplied the introduction. There are fifty colored plates actually or nearly of the size of life. Birds of prey, game and water birds are not mentioned, but the principal species of other birds which inhabit the Eastern United States are described, and a large number of them are brilliantly depicted. The author furnishes a sketch of each species and mentions its principal characteristics in a little paper of general comment and characterization. The book contains all about any given bird which nine people out of ten care to know, and among the different volumes of the sort which have been issued from time to time we recall none so well adapted as this to really aid in the intelligent recognition of the different kinds of birds. A copy of it should be in every family in which young children are growing up unless they are so unfortunate as to be confined wholly to city life.

Dr. Louis Waldstein's discussion of *The Subconscious Self* [Charles Scribner's Sons. \$1.25] is subtle and profound. Its purpose is to show the subconscious origin of most of those physical phenomena which believers in heredity assert to be evil in their influence

and to suggest means of prevention or cure. A balance, he holds, should be established, if possible, between one's conscious and one's subconscious self, so that mental development may be healthy. The subconscious self, although the study of it has been too much neglected, really is easier to be understood than all the numberless and complex hereditary influences which affect the individual, and the problem of development therefore can be somewhat simplified and its successful solution attained the more readily. The book abounds in significant facts and in interest to students of physiology and psychology. It is temperate in tone and lucidly written.

A handsome holiday book—handsome in type, paper, binding, illustration and boxing—and in respect to its material rich alike in inherent picturesqueness and in historic charm, is Marion Harland's *Some Colonial Homesteads and Their Stories* [G. P. Putnam's Sons. \$3.00]. Those described are Upper and Lower Brandon, Westover and Cliveden in Virginia; the Morris House in Germantown; the van Cortland Manor House at Croton River, N. Y.; the Jumel Mansion in Washington Heights, N. Y.; the Smith House at Sharon, Ct.; the Pierce House in Dorchester, and the Parson Williams House in Deerfield, Mass. There are views, portraits and other illustrations appropriate to such a work, and the students of colonial life and times will enjoy the book thoroughly.

If the author of the *Lore Affairs of Some Famous Men* [F. A. Stokes Co. \$1.50] had been wiser, his volume would be much more readable. There is very small satisfaction in the scanty and commonplace facts which he has given his readers in regard to many of the subjects of his investigations and descriptions. If he had omitted twenty-five per cent. of them, at least, and described the others more at length, his book would have been as entertaining throughout as it is here and there. It has decided merit, but its sketchiness, its touch and go temper throughout, is an injury. It is hardly more than a catalogue of famous men and their more or less noteworthy fiancées and brides.

Two charming volumes of Dr. C. C. Abbott's Fireside and Forest Library are his *Travels in a Treetop* and *The Freedom of the Fields* [J. B. Lippincott Co. \$3.00]. They are handsomely printed and bound. The first is an old favorite from Dr. Abbott's pen, and the latter appears to be of later date and to consist of short stories having a general resemblance in character, yet considerable independence. Out-of-door life and natural scenery and history are the themes of the books, and we reiterate in regard to them all which our readers easily will recall that we have said in the past about the delightfulness of the author's work.

Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin & Co. have issued a pretty holiday edition of Thoreau's *Walden* [\$5.00]. It is in two volumes. Mr. Bradford Torrey has furnished an appropriate introduction, and the work is illustrated by photographs. It is a very attractive publication in every sense.

There could be few more appreciative writers concerning Venice, ancient or modern, than Mr. F. Hopkinson Smith, and his little book, *Gondola Days* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$1.50], which contains sketches of Venetian life from his pen, is one of the most charming publications in the abundant literature of its subject. The contents of the book are the same as those of Venice of Today, recently published as a subscription book on a much larger and more expensive scale, and the illustrations are by Mr. Smith himself. It is especially adapted to delight the reader who knows Venice, but it will prompt many another to visit that ancient and beautiful city.

What Dress Makes of Us [E. P. Dutton & Co. \$1.25], by Dorothy Quigley, deals with its subject in a most businesslike fashion. It tells you what you ought to wear and what

you ought not, if you are stout or slender, etc., suggesting for both men and women how to adapt costumes to face and figure. It is a book which women will appreciate rather than men, but from which even men may learn something.

The Mammoth Cave [J. P. Morton & Co. \$1.50], by Dr. H. C. Hovey and Dr. R. E. Call, describes this wonderful natural cavern fully and intelligently. Frequent illustrations are supplied. The authors have undertaken to supply a real need, and have succeeded well. They possess some exceptional qualifications for such a work. The book is on sale at the Congregational and the Presbyterian book-stores in this city.

The Shakespeare Kalendar for 1898 [Dodd, Mead & Co. \$1.00], compiled by Louella C. Poole and Andréa Jonsson, and illustrated by Marie D. Page, is one of the handsomest and most satisfactory publications of its sort ever issued.

NOTES

—The American book-sellers are said to feel the competition of the department stores more than even their English fellow-tradersmen.

—“Sarah Grand” really is a Mrs. McFall. But she has dropped the true name and adopted her *nom de plume* alike for literature and for ordinary use.

—Mr. F. Marion Crawford has produced about two novels a year for the last fifteen years. What other author has written so many books averaging so well in respect to quality?

—The London *Academy* says that in Mary E. Wilkins America possesses a novelist of lowly life whose subtle comprehension of the elemental passions is not surpassed by any living writer, and one who serves her art with a loving and patient fidelity not to be overpraised.

—Max Pemberton, author of *The Little Huguenot*, and editor of Cassell's *Family Magazine*, says that the books which he writes that most commend themselves to him sell better in this country than in England. “I think the Americans attach more importance to finding what I may call ‘heart’ in the work. Anything which is human and simple seems to go well in America.”

—This story of Carlyle is authentic. John Morley once arranged that Joseph Chamberlain should explain to Carlyle the merits of the Gothenburg system of controlling the liquor traffic. Incidentally something was said at the conference about the necessity of compensating the English publicans if the experiment were ever tried in England. Carlyle listened patiently to all that was said, and then quietly observed that the publicans might go for compensation, so far as he was concerned, to their “faithful, the deevil!” Mr. Chamberlain observed that they could hardly insert this recommendation in an act of Parliament.

—The London *Academy* has named a list of forty authors supposed by it to be qualified to compose an English body like the “Forty Immortals” of the French Academy. They all are English except Mr. Henry James, and he does his best to be. Of the forty named, seven or eight at least are nearly or quite unknown to Americans. The *Academy* also proposes to “crown annually,” with a gift of a hundred guineas, some book of signal merit and, with another gift of fifty guineas, another worthy book by an author of younger repute. This looks as if the longer known author were to get the larger prize on that account, even if his work should be the poorer.

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ANDRONIKE. By Stephanos T. Xenos. pp. 527. \$1.50.

THE CHRIST OF YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER, AND OTHER SERMONS. By Ezra H. Byington, D. D. pp. 322. \$1.50.
THE QUEST OF HAPPINESS. By P. G. Hamerton. pp. 187. \$2.00.

Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Boston.
OLD VIRGINIA AND HER NEIGHBORS. By John Fiske. 2 vols. pp. 318, 421. \$4.00.
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SEVEN PUZZLING BIBLE BOOKS. By Washington Gladden, D. D. pp. 267. \$1.25.

Copeland & Day. Boston.
OUT OF THE SILENCE. By John V. Cheney. pp. 134. \$1.50.
MIDDLEWAY. By Kate W. Patch. pp. 227. \$1.25.
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L. C. Page & Co. Boston.
BLOWN AWAY. By Richard Mansfield. pp. 180. \$1.25.
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LET US FOLLOW HIM. By Henryk Sienkiewicz. pp. 91. 50 cents.

United Society of Christian Endeavor. Boston.
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LONDON; AS SEEN BY CHARLES D. GIBSON. \$5.00.
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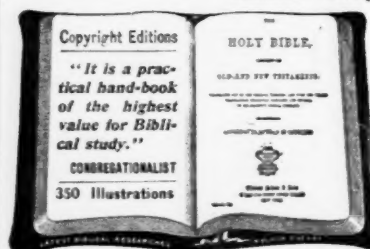
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The gathering was notable from the standpoint of denominational relations and for the fact that many laymen as well as ministers represented probably not less than 500 Evangelical churches. Dr. Lorimer presided and devotional services were conducted by Rev. A. H. Plumb, D. D. Dr. A. E. Dunning was chosen secretary, and read a letter from the National Council of Free Churches of England explaining the purpose of Dr. Berry's coming to America and introducing him to all the churches.

After the warm welcome had been extended and emphasized by the assembly, Dr. Berry spoke upon The Federation of the Churches of England. He said in part:

"I am not here to tell you what you ought to do or to be—simply to state what we in England have attempted to do. We are a federation of Free Evangelical churches, not a mere organic body. It is representative, uniting for the purpose of carrying forward the kingdom of Christ. Only those churches which are in perfect harmony with each other can come into the federation.

"By the purposes of the federation the necessity is upon us to include only the evangelical churches of England. We must have agreement on the great essential facts and truths of revelation. We do not cast a slur upon nor suggest criticism of denominationalism. If there is one thing I hate with all my heart and body it is sectarianism. But if I can hate anything more it is unsectarianism. That is flabby and invertebrate. Picture what the world would have been if the Puritan had not come out to stand for the truth. Ill-fed ecclesiastical historians call such men 'schismatics,' but the schismatic is often the one who drives out, not the one who goes. It is not our fault that we are Nonconformists. A schism that helped to produce Boston is a very respectable kind of heresy.

"We do not propose to come together by surrendering anything we hold dear in the realm of truth. We are living in a Christendom filled and steeped with the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. If we live long enough, and live honestly, we shall see truth converge in Christ. Asunder we have only a gleam; federated the whole truth is combined and we have nothing to surrender."

Dr. Berry described the plan of federative work in the cities and towns of England. The churches are asked if they desire such organization in parochial work, if so they elect representatives to a council which chooses its own officers. The parish is then divided and each church undertakes to "pastoralize" its field. House to house visitation is made to bring every home into active relation with the churches. Advantages in federation are seen in the ability to carry on conjoint missions, to remedy the evil of overstocking parishes with needless churches, the sustaining of feeble ones whose existence is desirable, caring for the poor and the education of the districts and of directing and suggesting measures for the public good. From the representatives of the councils a county organization is formed to attend to the larger interests. A national council constitutes the highest body. Thus it can speak for 7,000,000 of people as respects popular legislation.

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After the address Rev. Dr. W. T. Perrin, president of the Methodist Ministers' Conference, moved "that the chairman and secretary be a committee to send a fitting response to the letter from the National Union, expressing high appreciation of its principles and hearty sympathy with its purposes, and also of our conviction of the importance of an international arbitration treaty." This was unanimously adopted. On motion of Dr. Dunning it was voted that a committee be appointed to confer as to the advisability of carrying out the suggestions of Dr. Berry's address in our churches. The meeting closed with prayer led by Bishop Cranston.

The Corner Stone Laid

Under a somber November sky, but with many on-lookers, and with the governor of the commonwealth and leading members of the denomination, clerical and lay, participating, was laid the corner stone of the new Congregational House last Monday noon. Owing to the inclement weather only a portion of the exercises took place in the open air, and then adjournment was had to Pilgrim Hall, where the more formal addresses and the prayer were delivered. The general interest in the event was shown by the large attendance. A platform had been erected on which perhaps 200 persons stood, and several times that number of people, who found standing room in a great variety of places, witnessed the actual laying of the stone. The steps of the Unitarian building directly across Beacon Street were thronged, and from its windows, as well as from those of other houses in the vicinity, gazed many eager eyes.

The stone is to rest at the end of the building nearest Tremont Street. It is a handsome piece of granite, and in the midst of it had been drilled a hole large enough to accommodate the copper box which contains the treasures that are to be handed down to posterity. This is the list of articles which were there deposited.

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William H. Emerson, chairman of the building committee, was honored with the duty of placing the box in its proper place.

Samuel Johnson, president of the association, was the president of the day, and introduced first Mr. S. B. Capen, who gave a brief but comprehensive statement of the steps that had led up to the purchase of the present site. Then Governor Wolcott bared his head and spoke a few simple but finished and exceedingly appropriate sentences. The commonwealth, he said, takes profound interest in all those influences that make for righteousness and the upbuilding of Christian citizenship.

At this point came the adjournment to Pilgrim Hall, which was far too small to accommodate all who sought entrance. Dr. Berry was the first speaker there, and his words were warm with friendly feeling as he brought the salutations of the English Congregation-

alists, whom he specially represented. He was disinclined to make an extended speech, but yielding to requests he prolonged his address by stating eloquently and effectively the fundamental principles of Congregationalism as our English brethren hold them.

To Dr. McKenzie had been assigned the theme, What the New Building Signifies Historically. He spoke with his customary ease, and his address was lit up with many touches of humor. He dwelt chiefly upon the heroism and virtues of the forefathers, and said that the history of their achievements could not be told too often. The Puritans will be more highly appreciated 200 years from today than they are now.

Rev. W. E. Barton, D. D., set forth what the building stands for in the way of prophecy. He, too, rose to the level of oratory which the occasion demanded. He forecasted the future as likely to make still more evident the progressiveness, the stability and spiritual power of Congregationalism. His allusion to Marcus Whitman was timely in view of the fact that celebrations in other parts of the country were going on at the same time in his honor. Dr. Webb's prayer was a fitting culmination to the exercises of the day. The benediction was pronounced by Dr. S. E. Herrick.

The singing was led by Rev. M. M. Cutter, assisted by a cornetist. In the open air the hymn, "O God, beneath whose guiding hand," was sung. The hymn sung in Pilgrim Hall, after Dr. Webb's prayer, was written for the occasion by Rev. W. H. Cobb, D. D.

Dr. Berry at Harvard Church

Large congregations are the rule at Harvard Church, Brookline, but seldom is the spacious auditorium more completely filled than it was last Sunday morning, when Dr. Berry preached in Dr. Thomas's pulpit. He spoke without notes, as is his wont, and for fifty minutes held the closest attention of his great audience. It was a masterly discourse, vindicating his reputation as a preacher which had preceded Dr. Berry here. The subject was handled with that thoroughness of treatment which marks the close thinker. In addition there were those qualities of felicitous illustrations, of tender personal appeal, of evangelical warmth that mark the effective preacher.

Dr. Berry's text was Luke 22: 31 and his theme the Contest of Jesus and Satan over Peter. He began by saying that he considered it a waste of time to discuss the question of the existence of a personal devil. Every man knows that there is a tempter who gets entrance into our hearts, while, on the other hand, every gracious desire is the pleading of the living Christ. He then made three general divisions of his subject—first, man's place in the scale of life; second, the forces external to him that are striving to control him; third, the ultimate deciding factor in the case residing in man's own choices. Dr. Berry dwelt longer upon the first sub-division than upon any of the others, and portrayed the dignity and worth of man in language that his hearers will never forget. The fact that both Christ and Satan wanted Peter showed that he was worth getting, and shows also that if a man is worth waging this contest for he is not a fool or a dust heap or a piece of sensitive mechanism.

Dr. Berry also brought out with great force that thought that the gospel is something more than a message of compassion. God wants men in order to complete his own life, and this instinct and passion of parentage in God is the interpretation of all human history. He emphasized also the practical duty which springs out of this conception of the gospel. If God puts so high a value on men it behooves us to see and have respect to their worth and their welfare. One who walks about the crowded sections of our great cities, and looks upon the abundance of men and

women and little children, needs constantly to look back to the cross of Christ in order to gain a fresh realization of the real worth of every human being.

Dr. Berry was particularly happy and effective in his treatment of the problem of heredity. He left no standing room for those who apologize for their sins on account of inherited passions. He showed clearly that the gospel introduces such a force into human life that the man who lays hold upon it can in large measure overcome the influences of heredity. The sermon closed with a tender personal appeal to come to Christ.

Woman's Board Prayer Meeting

CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE, BOSTON, NOV. 26

Mrs. Louise A. Kellogg, presiding, read Deut. 8, the words, "Thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee," being specially applied to anniversary occasions. In these busy days there is great need of more constant and careful study of this Word, which will serve as a safe anchor where there may be danger of drifting. Mrs. Capron's welcome voice was again heard in prayer.

Mrs. Alice Gordon Gulick told of the work in Spain. She recalled three visits to the homeland within twenty-six years. Each time she had come with a different object possessing her soul. The first time, to show that the way seemed plain for opening a girls' school; the second time, to say that such a school had been established and greater things must be undertaken in his behalf; the third time, to report that much has already been accomplished, that there are trained Christian girls ready to be sent out, that doors are open for Christian education in its various grades, and that there is no limit to the possibilities. Fifty letters in her unanswered pile all tell of opportunities. One young woman at work in the south of Spain established a preaching service in her schoolroom, and soon drew into it men who took hold as her helpers. In Seville and Madrid thousands of girls are employed in making cigarettes and in chocolate factories. In millinery and dressmaking establishments there are many apprentices who earn nothing, poor as poverty, and exposed to the temptations of a large city. Among these girls there is a work to be done. One well-educated young woman has been to England for special training, and through her a Young Woman's Christian Association may be established in Madrid, and become a new and important center. There are also openings for medical work, for physicians, trained nurses and dispensary, and three of Mrs. Gulick's pupils are now preparing for this form of work. Evangelistic work is growing steadily, and Mrs. Gulick's words seemed full of prophetic fire as she said, "We are going to take Spain in some way for Christ; this overturning may be God's way."

Mrs. Gulick then introduced one of her Spanish pupils, Miss Esther Alonso, who graduated at the institute at San Sebastian and then took a course at the university at Madrid, receiving the degree of M. A. Miss Alonso gave an interesting account of the work which has come to her hands, and gained loving sympathy which is sure to follow her as she now returns to Spain to labor for her countrywomen.

Mrs. Kellogg referred to the dedication of the new buildings at Mt. Holyoke College and to the seminaries which have been founded in Africa, Turkey and elsewhere. Mrs. Anderson led in the closing prayer.

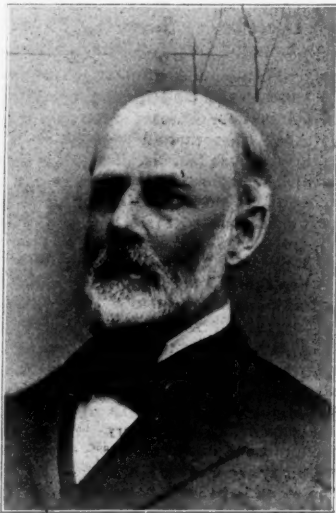
Quite a number of ministers responded to the suggestion that last Sunday reference be made to Marcus Whitman and his services to the country. Three, at least, of the Boston Congregational pastors—Drs. Albright, Beale and Herriek—preached on the subject, and the latter spoke on the same subject Monday before 500 teachers and pupils in a public school at West Roxbury. There were celebrations on Monday in Philadelphia, Washington and at Walla Walla.

Dr. Bartlett's Eightieth Birthday

Thanksgiving Day brought to ex-President Bartlett of Dartmouth College somewhat more than usually pertains to that occasion. Upon that day, "by reason of strength," he completed his fourscore years, and, with eye scarcely dimmed and with natural force apparently unabated, looked out from the point reached by few men into the years which are known by an even smaller number. He retains an elastic step, rides a bicycle, wields a facile pen and has at his command a wealth of ripe learning and a terse, vigorous diction, as is attested by his recent works upon the Old Testament and other subjects.

With characteristic thoughtfulness the occasion was improved by President Tucker and others, representing the college and the town, by extending to Dr. Bartlett a public expression of congratulation and good will. A formal invitation was given him to deliver an address in the old chapel on Friday evening, to be followed by an informal reception in Bartlett Hall.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the



EX-PRESIDENT S. C. BARTLETT

weather, a large and representative audience gathered in the historic room. After prayer by Dr. S. P. Leeds, the college pastor for nearly forty years, Dr. Tucker expressed the sentiment of the hour in one of his inimitable addresses, full of wit, tenderness and eloquence, which was heartily re-enforced by applause from the floor. He characterized the occasion as unique in showing the survival of a college president to a limit not previously allowed by Providence, and expressed his personal indebtedness to his predecessor for having "raised the standard" in that particular. Referring to the long period covered by the life of Dr. Bartlett, he declared that few minds are so well matched to this extraordinary century as his, on account of its singular alertness. In him was realized the prophecy of perpetual youth.

Hon. Isaac W. Smith, LL. D., of Manchester then paid a warm tribute to Dr. Bartlett, dwelling upon his personal relations to him as a pupil in his boyhood, as a parishioner in the Franklin Street Church in Manchester and as a trustee of the college for many years. He characterized his friend as a born controversialist, a profound scholar and a Christian gentleman.

Dr. Bartlett began his address with playful allusions to his age, which he accounted for from the fact that he "selected his ancestors for two or three generations," and that he gave up smoking soon after he commenced. Like the Irishman, if he "had smoked until now, he would have been dead long ago." Youngness always had been his weakness, as

in the case of Mr. Pitt. The period covered by his life seemed a magnificent dream. It included all the events of the Victorian era, as he was teaching a grammar school when the queen was still in the care of her mother. All the material for the Columbian Exposition had been accumulated during his recollection, with the possible exception of the autograph of the great discoverer and some of the old Indian relics. Even these latter had been discovered during his period. He was older than the oldest railroad and the first ocean steamer. The flintlock gun and the tinder box were realities in his youth. The number of States in the Union had increased from twenty to forty-five. The population of the country had expanded eight or ninefold. Slavery had stultified and nullified itself out of existence. The great inventions of modern science and the great age of modern missions had passed under his observation, and the Bible had been translated into 300 of the 403 tongues in which now it may be read.

While welcoming all the progress and enlargement that had come to the college, he still had a good word for the early time, when "ways were tough and so were we." The range of instruction and investigation was narrower, but somehow stronger men were developed than at any subsequent time. First of all they were trained to think. If they were not taught everything they were fitted to learn anything. Still Dr. Bartlett recognized and welcomed progress and improvements. There was not more than one millionaire in New England then. There are no better men now than then, certainly no fairer maidens, but there are more of them.

Among the deepest convictions derived from his long experience were the futility of mere ambition and the supreme importance of fidelity. Again and again he had seen hollowness and sham brought down from high places, and honesty and faithfulness, though opposed and vilified, come to recognition and honor in the end. He urged upon all the importance of doing their best in their allotted place, as it is better to be a large man in a smaller place than to be a small man in a larger place. Men will be called for as soon as they are ready for higher service. There is room enough not only at the top, but all around. He was awake to the critical issues of the time and saw revolutions as the certain outcome of the conflicts of such tremendous forces as now are gathering. For these all true men must be ready.

The audience then passed to Bartlett Hall, which had been tastefully decorated with evergreen, and spent a pleasant hour in familiar greeting and social intercourse. The occasion was a happy one in many respects, marking, as it did, the great harmony existing between the college and the town; also between the present administration and the former one, both strong in their way, and each headed by a masterful personality.

M. D. B.

Why, if there is such a powerful reaction toward Rome in the Anglican Church, is there not a correspondingly strong movement among Dissenters to bring about disestablishment? To this question *The Christian World* replies: "When Edward Miall began his work it was with prophetic fervor that he denounced an unholy alliance, which he believed to be textually condemned both by the Old and New Testaments. To the first Liberationists it was easier than it is to us to distinguish and separate things 'sacred' and 'secular.' We no longer look to the Bible either for a scheme of church organization or for an authoritative polity of church and state. We are as strongly convinced as ever that for the best accomplishment of their diverse work church and state must be mutually independent, and certainly free from pecuniary entanglements. But we are yet waiting for the statement of the later doctrine of church and state in such a form as shall impel us to vindicate the highest ideal of each."

News from the Churches

Meetings to Come

BOSTON MINISTERS' MEETING, PILGRIM HALL, Dec. 6, 10.30 A. M. Topic, The Relation of the Churches to the Labor Problem. Speakers, Rev. Messrs. W. H. Albright, D. D., and J. H. Jones, and Messrs. Buttrick and McNeil.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY PRAYER MEETING, under the auspices of the Woman's Board of Missions, in Pilgrim Hall, Congregational House, every Friday at 11 A. M.

HAMPSHIRE EAST ASSOCIATION, Amherst, Dec. 7, 10 A. M.

MIDDLESEX SOUTH ASSOCIATION, South Framingham, Dec. 7, 9 A. M.

Benevolent Societies

THE CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY is represented in Massachusetts (and in Massachusetts only) by the MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY, No. 9 Congregational House. Rev. Joshua Colt, Secretary; Rev. Edwin B. Palmer, Treasurer.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION, Room No. 32, Congregational House. Office hours, 9 to 5. Annual membership, \$1.00; life membership, \$20.00. Contributions solicited. Miss Annie C. Bridgman, Treasurer.

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS, Congregational House, No. 1 Somerset Street, Boston. Frank H. Wiggin, Treasurer; Charles E. Swett, Publishing and Purchasing Agent. Office in New York, 121 Bible House; in Chicago, 153 La Salle Street.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS, Room 1 and 2, Congregational House. Miss Sarah Louise Day, Treasurer; Miss Abbie B. Child, Home Secretary.

THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION, Bible House, New York. Missions in the United States, evangelistic and educational, at the South and in the West among the Indians and Chinese. Boston office, 21 Congregational House; Chicago office, 153 La Salle Street; Cleveland office, Y. M. C. A. Building. Donations may be sent to either of the above offices, or to H. W. Hubbard, Treasurer, 108 Bible House, New York City.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH BUILDING SOCIETY—Church and Parsonage Building. Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D., Secretary; Charles E. Hope, Treasurer, 59 Bible House, New York; Rev. George A. Hood, Congregational House, Boston, Field Secretary.

CONGREGATIONAL EDUCATION SOCIETY (including work of former New West Commission).—Aids four hundred students for the ministry, eight home missionary colleges, twenty academies in the West and South, ten free Christian schools in Utah and New Mexico. S. F. Wilkins, Treasurer. Offices: 10 Congregational House, Boston; 151 Washington Street, Chicago, Ill. Address, 10 Congregational House, Boston.

CONG. SUNDAY SCHOOL & PUBLISHING SOCIETY.—Contributions used only for missionary work. Rev. George M. Boynton, D. D., Secretary; W. A. Duncan, Ph. D., Field Secretary; Charles F. Wyman, Treasurer Congregational House, Boston.

MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MINISTERIAL AID.—Gifts should be sent to Arthur G. Stanwood, Treasurer, 701 Sears Building, Boston. Applications for aid to Rev. E. B. Palmer, Room 9, Congregational House.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.—In order to afford a little timely aid to aged and disabled ministers and missionaries and their families, the committee of the National Council asks from each church one splendid offering for its permanent invested fund. It also invites generous individual gifts. For fuller information see Minutes of National Council, 1892, and Year-Book, 1893, page 62. Secretary, Rev. N. H. Whittlesey, New Haven, Ct.; Treasurer, Rev. S. B. Forbes, Hartford, Ct. Form of a bequest.—Bequest to the Trustees of the National Council of the Congregational Churches of the United States ("a body corporate chartered under the laws of the State of Connecticut" (here insert the bequest), to be used for the purpose of Ministerial Relief, as provided in the resolution of the National Council of the Congregational Churches of the United States at its session held in Chicago in October, 1886).

THE CONGREGATIONAL BOARD OF PASTORAL SUPPLY, established by the Massachusetts General Association, offers its services to churches desiring pastors or pulpits in Massachusetts and in other States. Room 22A, Congregational House, Boston. Rev. Charles B. Rice, Sec.

THE BOSTON SEAMAN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, organized 1827. Chapel and reading-room, 287 Hanover Street, Boston. Open day and evening. Sailors and landsmen welcome. Daily prayer meeting, 10.30 A. M.; Bible study, 3 P. M. Sunday services, usual hours. Meetings every evening except Saturday. Branch mission, Vineyard Haven. Is a Congregational society and appeals to all Congregational churches for support. Send donations of money to B. S. Snow, Corresponding Secretary, Room 22, Congregational House, Boston. Send clothing, comfort bags, reading, etc., to Capt. S. S. Nickerson, chaplain, 287 Hanover Street. Bequests should read: "I give and bequeath to the Boston Seaman's Friend Society the sum of \$—, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said society." Rev. Alexander McKenzie, D. D., President; George Gould, Treasurer.

PASSING COMMENT ON THIS WEEK'S NEWS

We trust few church prayer meetings are small enough in attendance to be accommodated in the pastor's study, but where such is the case, as in a South Dakota town, there is surely an advantage in the line of greater freedom and homelikeness than the ordinary house of worship affords. We hope that the meeting referred to will speedily outgrow its present quarters and will carry its social atmosphere into the church home.

It was a sad sequel to the "ample hospitalities" of the dedication which occurred a century ago in a Maine town where the church is now celebrating its anniversary that the first pastor, who served thirteen years with scant success, finally had to be deposed and some of the members deprived of fellowship because of intemperance. The next pastoral period, it may be happily stated, showed marked evidences of a lesson learned.

The outspoken thanks of united congregations on our national day of gratitude make the public services on that day an object lesson which must impress the neighboring com-

munities. An opportunity such as is offered by the proclamations of our chief magistrates should not be neglected so generally, but full advantage might profitably be taken of their suggestions.

A union meeting to stir up Congregationalism in Detroit is characterized as the first step in a strong forward movement. Other centers cannot plan better than to swing into line with the same strong tread.

Interdenominational meetings among Christian Endeavorers promise to be frequent this winter, and doubtless will do valuable service in the interest of Christian unity.

The Minnesota Club discussed at its last meeting a subject of practical importance to every one interested in the rising generation—and who is not?

Such independence as a working church in Philadelphia evinces is quite certain to succeed in accomplishing great good for itself and others.

An Ohio item contains a good idea for the work of a large parish in a small town.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES

Andover

In the course in Old Testament theology Professor Moore is lecturing on Prophecy.—W. H. Rollins of the Senior Class has been elected by the students to deliver the paper on Missions at the annual meeting of the Interseminary Missionary Alliance, and H. L. W. Snell of the Junior Class has been elected to open the discussion.—E. C. Partridge, a Senior, is supplying for the United Church, Lawrence.

Hartford

Rev. G. H. Gutterson, New England secretary of the A. M. A., addressed the students at the chapel exercises last week Monday.—Professor and Mrs. Gillett recently entertained the Junior Class at their home.

Yale

At the annual meeting of the Semitic Club C. S. Macfarland was elected president and J. P. Deane secretary. Professor Porter read an exceedingly valuable paper on The Recently Discovered Sayings of Jesus. This year the club will pursue a study of the Torah, using the Targum of Onkelos and Rashi's commentary.—The Mission Study Class, which was so successful last year under the lead of J. P. Deane, has resumed work with the same teacher and is at present studying The Development of the Mission Field in North and South America, using Bliss's Development of the Mission Field and Mott's Strategic Points in the World's Conquest.—The missionary society was addressed Monday evening of last week by Field Secretary Rev. C. W. Shelton.—The Leonard Bacon Club's debate was concerning the discussion of political questions in the pulpit.—A pleasant Thanksgiving social was held in the Lowell Mason Room with outside friends present.—H. S. Scarborough was the Senior preacher last week.—A new departure in the morning chapel service has introduced a choir, and the service has been enriched by additional music and responses.

Chicago

Professor Jernberg is arranging for the publication of the Norwegian paper, *Evangelisten*, as a weekly next year, instead of three times a month, as at present.—Two new students have come from Norway to prepare for work in that country. One has already been engaged in evangelistic work.—Mr. S. M. Sayford, evangelist of the College Y. M. C. A., has recently addressed the conference for field work on personal work for men.—Dr. E. K. Alden's bequest to the seminary is to be used for the endowment of a memorial lectureship on missions.—The missionary department of the library has received large accessions in connection with the Gates fund, and is much used by members of churches in Chicago. It has recently been enriched by the purchase of a complete set of the collections and proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society. Especial attention is now being paid by the librarian, Mr. H. W. Gates, to the departmental work of the students in special investigations.—Dr. C. A. Berry addressed the seminary on The Conditions of Reality in Preaching.—The faculty granted the students Friday in addition to Thanksgiving Day.—Professor Paeth, with the co-operation of students and others, has started another mission among the Germans of the city.

Oberlin

Prof. and Mrs. A. H. Currier recently entertained the students at their home.—The usual Thanks-

I was given in Council Hall by the students. Supper was served and addresses were made by Dr. H. M. Tenney and Professors Swing, Miskoveky and King.—Professor Bosworth is conducting a series of studies upon the Life and Teachings of Jesus in Elyria in connection with the institutional work of the church there.—Ex-President Fairchild completed his 80th year on Thanksgiving Day. The university faculty recognized the event with a gift and a congratulatory letter. Many called upon him during the day.

CONFERENCES AND ASSOCIATIONS

FLA.—The East Coast Conference held its annual meeting at Ormond. Of 10 churches all but three small and pastorless ones were represented. Every pastor was present. Rev. W. J. Cady preached the opening sermon. The communion sermon was by Rev. E. W. Butler. The topics were: What Truths, in a Layman's View, Ought to Be Emphasized in Our Churches at This Time? Bible Study, Present Necessity and Suggested Methods, The Observance of the Lord's Day, The Church and Temperance, How Can the Fullest Measure of the Spirit Be Obtained? What Is This Measure? What Gracious Results Will Follow? Our Opportunity in the Antilles, Home Missionary Work of the State. Daytona is the only self-supporting church of the conference and has been that only during the past year. The W. H. M. U., which has for its special object the school at Ybor City, Fla., had a special period of the conference. The work among the refugees from Cuba is the special interest of the State and is promising.

COL.—Two months ago the Pastors' Association of Denver voted to withdraw the license of Mr. E. L. Buck. The matter has been further considered by the association and the following resolution passed:

The Congregational Pastors' Association of Denver, in reviewing its action by which the license of Mr. E. L. Buck was withdrawn, the same action being published in the papers, has decided as follows:

1. That this body has no authority to grant a license, as it is simply a voluntary association and not a regularly constituted ecclesiastical organization.
2. It has no right to renew or withdraw a license.
3. As rebutting testimony has been furnished in this case, we declare it to be our judgment that the rights of all parties concerned can only be legally and righteously maintained by reference of the entire matter to the association to which Mr. Buck is amenable.

CLUBS

MINN.—The Minnesota Club, at its November meeting, was entertained at Red Wing by the Minnesota Training School. A special train carried nearly 200 members and guests from the Twin Cities, who were shown through the institution. The general subject, The Child Problem, was discussed in its various phases by specialists. Miss Sarah C. Brooks spoke on The Normal Development of the Child, Dr. G. R. Merrill on The Child and the Home, Dr. A. C. Rogers on The Degenerate Child. This autumn outing was both pleasant and profitable.

NEW ENGLAND

Boston

Mt. Vernon held an unusual evening gathering last week, a large number of the members of the congregation and their friends being present. It was a reception in honor of a Chinese young man, Chan Loon Teung, who a number of years ago entered the Sunday school of this church and showed unusual intelligence. He was aided to attend the Northfield school to prepare for Harvard College and graduate last year. At this reception Dr. Herick, the pastor, spoke of the young man's career, and then presented him a handsome token from his friends. Mr. Teung has started now for San Francisco, whence he sails Dec. 18 for China. There he will enter Banyan City Institute as teacher of chemistry and physics. The institute is under the American Board and will probably become self supporting ere long.

With unabated enthusiasm for Whitman College, Miss Virginia Dox, its representative, has recently returned to New England from Chicago and her headquarters for the present are at 2 Linden Street, Worcester. She spoke last Sunday morning at the Walnut Avenue Church in Roxbury, and in the evening at Dr. McKenzie's church in Cambridge. She is straining every nerve to secure the \$20,000 needed for Whitman College in order that the terms of Dr. Pearson's gift may be met.

Arrangements were made for the Hampton Institute students, who have been around Boston, to visit the following churches on these dates: North

Avenue, Cambridge, Nov. 21; Phillips, South Boston, Nov. 26; Immanuel, Nov. 30. President Frissell presided, and an Indian and a Negro spoke at each place. Further announcements are: Park Street, Dec. 5, and Brighton, Dec. 10.

Massachusetts

SALEM.—The churches held a union meeting at the South Church, Sunday evening, Nov. 28, in commemoration of the life and services of Dr. Marcus Whitman. Rev. D. W. S. Clark, D.D., gave the address.—A vigorous anti-saloon campaign is well inaugurated in the city.

BROCKTON.—*Porter.* The house has been freshly painted and newly roofed, and will now be refrescoed. Besides the \$14,000 already paid from the estate of the late Catherine Cobb, there have been paid \$200 each to the Sunday school and the Ladies' Benevolent Society and \$500 to the church home committee. Rev. A. W. Archibald, D.D., is pastor.

MERRIMAC.—The annual meeting of the church was a happy one. The finances are in excellent condition. The people are united and enthusiastic for a good work the coming year. The roll-call was held on a Sunday evening. The pastor, Rev. G. L. Todd, gave an address celebrating the fifth anniversary of his installation. A continuous growth in membership of Sunday school and church marks the period. The enrolled church membership is now 394. The pastor's Monday evening class of 60 members is taking up Pease's normal course for Sunday school teachers.

CANTON has called Rev. M. A. Dougherty as a stated supply, with residence in Cambridge. He has preached several years acceptably in Presbyterian churches in the West. Since then he has given special study to Christian sociology.

FALL RIVER.—Union services were held in the Baptist Temple Thanksgiving Day. Among those taking part were Rev. Messrs. W. W. Adams, D.D., P. W. Lyman, William Knight and E. A. Buck, besides representatives of the Baptist and Presbyterian churches.

PALMER.—*Second.* The Men's Club, Y. P. S. C. E., King's Daughters and Sunday school, besides the church authorities, have assumed the support of *Our Church Bulletin*, the first number of which was issued in November. For a time the church united with the Dalton church in publishing a paper. An Intermediate C. E. Society has just been organized. The pastor is Rev. F. E. Jenkins.

WORCESTER.—*Piedmont.* Rev. H. H. Russell of Columbus, O., supplied the pulpit Nov. 21, and on Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the C. E. and Epworth League union, addressed an audience that packed Mechanics Hall to its full capacity, on the anti-saloon movement. A union Thanksgiving service for the south end Congregational and Presbyterian churches was held with Piedmont. Dr. A. Z. Conrad of the Old South preaching the sermon on Master and Multitude, or Divine Provision for Human Needs.—*Plymouth.* With this church was held a union Thanksgiving service for the north end churches, in which the First Universalist and Church of the Unity (Unitarian) joined. The speakers were Rev. W. B. Oleson of Belmont Church and Rev. E. M. Chapman of Central, the theme being Forgotten Factors in Our National Advancement. Mayor Sprague and Senator Hoar were present.—The Y. P. S. C. E. and Epworth Leagues provided a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner for 165 men at Welcome Mission and after the dinner a rousing gospel meeting was held.

Maine

OTISFIELD celebrated its 100th anniversary Nov. 23. The day was inclement, but the attendance was large and the exercises interesting. When the people undertook to build their first meeting house there was not a plowed road in the town nor a school, nor had there ever been a money tax collected. The original proprietors of the township offered to finish a meeting house on the outside if the inhabitants would finish and furnish it within, and the proposal was gladly accepted. The house was dedicated in November, 1797. Sixteen days later a church was organized. At dedication a half-barrel of West India and the same quantity of New England rum, with 10 pounds of loaf sugar, were not thought too generous a provision. The first pastorate was not as prosperous as later ones, but the church has been blessed with earnest and godly leaders, especially Rev. J. G. Merrill, during whose pastorate 107 were added to the church, and Rev. J. P. Richardson, who received 184. The church begins its second century with about 50 members, a well-sustained Sunday school and C. E. Society. Rev. D. E. Coburn is pastor.

BANGOR.—A union Thanksgiving service was held with Central Church, the subject being Lawlessness—Its Cause and Cure. Special music was much en-

joyed.—The State Bible Society held its annual meeting here. Rev. G. C. Wilson has charge of the work. He reported about 500 families found destitute of the Bible and many received a copy with great joy.

WOODFORDS.—A large audience heard Dr. Lyman Abbott lecture on The Democracy of Education. A pleasant feature of the occasion was a social reception following, where Dr. and Mrs. Abbott and their son, Rev. E. H. Abbott, met many friends.

SOUTH PORTLAND.—Rev. C. E. Andrews has preached his last sermon here as pastor. He has done faithful work, and many regrets are expressed at his departure. He was presented with a handsome gift by one of the parishioners.

FORT FAIRFIELD.—On account of continued ill health the pastor, Rev. G. B. Hescok, is obliged to give up his charge, and will make his home in Monson with his family. He has been here 12 years and is much beloved.

ASHLAND.—A series of special meetings is in progress, the pastor, Rev. C. L. Parker, being assisted by Rev. H. H. Noyes of Island Falls. Rev. C. E. Owen supplied recently.

BRIDGTON.—The sudden death of the wife of the pastor, Rev. G. M. Woodwell, leaving an infant and another little one, is a great sorrow to their many friends.

New Hampshire

BERLIN.—Last Sunday occurred the 20th anniversary of the church, and the services of morning and evening were thronged. Special music was rendered. Three former pastors attended—Rev. Messrs. A. J. Benedict, S. L. Bowler and A. T. Hillman. Prof. E. Y. Hinks, who gave the address at the formation of the church, preached the morning sermon. In the evening the pastor, Rev. J. B. Carruthers, gave a historical address, and visiting ministers and resident pastors made brief speeches.

CONWAY.—A reception was given the new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Burrill, at the parsonage, Nov. 19. Friends were present to the number of about 100, who enjoyed extending greetings to the young couple. Refreshments were served during the evening. On departing the friends left substantial tokens of esteem, among them two chairs and a parlor clock.

MILFORD.—The 109th anniversary of the church was celebrated Nov. 19. Rev. H. P. Peck, the pastor, was master of ceremonies. Among the guests present from out of town were Gov. G. A. Ramsdell, a native and a grandson of the first pastor, and Deacon T. H. Russell of Boston, father of the pastor's wife. Interesting remarks and excellent music were included in the program.

WEST LEBANON.—Recent repairs on the edifice have been completed and the doors are again open for worship. The roof has been reshingled and the interior entirely renovated, ceilings and walls. A new carpet and draperies add much to the attractiveness. The parsonage has also received attention. About \$500 have been expended.

NELSON.—Much religious interest has been developed by the recent district meetings, and several persons have already expressed their purpose to begin the Christian life. Others are inquiring. Some not in the habit of attending church services have been present.

Vermont

RIPTON.—The special meetings led by Mrs. A. S. Myers for several weeks were successful and a number of conversions resulted in additions to the churches.

STOWE.—During the seven years of Rev. S. F. Drew's pastorate, now closing, 71 new members have been received. Benevolences have averaged \$577 a year.

Bradford has had a series of extra meetings with good results.—A widespread religious interest of unusual depth is manifest in Fairlee.—In Williamstown about 30 conversions have resulted from recent revival meetings, and about the same number in East Brookfield.

Rhode Island

PROVIDENCE.—*Benevolent.* The union Thanksgiving service for the Congregational churches of the city, following the custom of many years, was held here. Rev. S. H. Woodrow preached a sermon full of forceful thought.—*Plymouth.* The Sunday evening department of Plymouth Institute has issued cards of invitation, with a list of difficult questions to be answered in lecture form by the pastor, such as: What Is Evolution? What Is God? What Is a Miracle? What Is Life? What Is Conscience?

Connecticut

NEW HAVEN.—At the united Ministers' Meeting, Nov. 22, Rev. A. M. Hall of Taylor Church read a

paper on The Use of Old Testament Prophecy by the Apostles.—The union Thanksgiving service was held in Center Church, Dr. Newman Smyth preaching the sermon.—*United.* Forthcoming speakers for the Men's Club Sunday evening service are Prof. F. G. Peabody, Rev. A. H. Bradford, D.D., and Rev. Henry Van Dyke, D.D.—*Humphrey Street.* The associate pastor, Rev. E. P. Armstrong, concluded his labors Nov. 20. During his 11 months of service the Sunday school, to which much of his time was devoted, increased from 389 to 602, a net gain of 213. Of these 51 are in the home department. The school is graded, having seven departments, kindergarten, primary, junior, intermediate, progressive, adult and home. A graded course of supplemental instruction has been introduced. A successful weekly teachers' meeting has had an average of over 50 per cent. of the teachers present. The men's class numbers 37.—A new system of pastoral visitation has been introduced, by which a large corps of workers greatly aid the pastor. The use of individual cups at communion is highly successful. The Boys' Brigade held an annual recognition service recently, at which their chaplain, the senior pastor, Rev. F. R. Luckey, presented 13 boys with silver medals in recognition of five years of continuous service.

HARTFORD.—A union of the superintendents, assistants and ex-superintendents of Sunday schools of this vicinity was organized Nov. 21. The union will hold six meetings during the year and it is hoped that much helpfulness will be derived from its gatherings. Mr. W. H. Hall of West Hartford is the president.—*Fourth.* President Hartnaff of Hartford Seminary preached at the service, Nov. 21, held in memory of Mr. C. H. Johnson, the late organist of this church.—*Asylum Hill.* The Glenwood, Asylum Avenue and the First Baptist Church united in a Thanksgiving service. Rev. H. Pattison of the First Baptist Church preached.—*Park.* A union Thanksgiving service was held with this church, in which the Center, South and Pearl Street joined. Rev. W. W. Ramsey preached.—*South.* Dr. E. P. Parker exchanged pulpits last Sunday with Rev. F. W. Perkins of the Church of the Redeemer, Universalist.—At the annual meeting of the City Missionary Society, Nov. 21, addresses were made by Rev. W. D. L. Love and Deacon S. M. Benedict. Mr. Gillette, the city missionary, made during the year 771 calls at the hospital, found work for 2,800 men and held 150 religious services.

MERIDEN.—*First.* A Men's Social Union, newly organized, will hold a "talk night" fortnightly. About 40 members were enrolled at the first meeting. Rev. J. W. Cooper, D.D., and Mr. C. S. Landers visited the church, Nov. 9, and spoke of the Social Union at South Church, New Britain.—The C. E. Society observed its 12th anniversary Nov. 17. The Senior and Intermediate Societies united in the observance.

GRANBY.—The 25th anniversary of the church was observed last week Sunday. The morning service included a historical address by Rev. S. E. Evans and special selections by the choir. In the evening, in addition to the special music, letters from several pastors and greetings from the parent churches were read. The regular services at the North Congregational and Universalist churches were omitted.

NEW BRITAIN.—*South.* Temperance Day and Marcus Whitman Day were both observed last Sunday. Dr. J. W. Cooper chose for his morning subject A Modern Hero, and in the evening spoke on Drinking According to Law. Mr. C. A. Gillette of Hartford addressed the Senior and Prof. J. A. Stuart the Junior Sunday school on Temperance.

DURHAM.—Interesting union evangelistic services have been held for two weeks, the Congregational and the Methodist churches uniting. The first week an evangelist was present, but the second the neighboring pastors assisted, Dr. A. W. Hazen and Rev. F. W. Greene of Middletown being among the number.

WATERBURY.—*First.* The Guild has started its winter work with an enthusiastic public meeting, which was addressed by Dr. Anderson, who spoke on Prof. Henry Drummond.—*Second.* The Boys' Brigade attended church in a body a week ago Sunday night, and addresses were made in their behalf.

CLINTON.—According to his usual custom in the autumn, Rev. T. A. Emerson is preaching to young people on The Best Things—Fighting for the Best Things, the Best Friend, the Best Book, the Best Life, the Best Home, the Best Church.

FARMINGTON.—Rev. E. A. Paddock, a Western missionary, addressed the congregation recently, and the Sunday school at its session which followed voted \$25 toward his work. The benevolent society cleared nearly \$150 on its supper.

PLYMOUTH.—The annual roll-call and supper was recently held with 400 in attendance. Interesting addresses and special music made the occasion enjoyable.

MIDDLE STATES

New York

SYRACUSE.—*Plymouth.* Rev. E. N. Packard, D.D., has recently organized a class for the study of the Bible on a week night and open to all denominations. The attendance thus far is about 50, including a number from other churches. Sharman's Studies in the Life of Christ, with Stevens & Burton's harmony, are used. The class promises much usefulness.—*Good Will.* Rev. H. N. Kinney closes his pastorate the present month. His ministry has been notable in his own church and the city at large. Over 200 persons have been added to the church during his four years. He led in forming several organizations in the church. Many large and notable gatherings have been held with his people. He was for two years president of the City C. E. Union, and led the work for good citizenship with such success that the national banner was awarded this union. He has been active in many clubs and associations. Mrs. Kinney has greatly endeared herself to many, and has for some time been president of the Ladies' Missionary Association of central New York. The good wishes of many friends will go with these earnest workers.

ROCHESTER.—*South.* A well attended reception was tendered the new pastor, Rev. G. L. Hanscom, on the evening of the 16th. Rev. Dr. H. C. Riggs, the last pastor, spoke the welcome of the city pastors and Prof. G. W. Miner that of the congregation. Mr. Hanscom is a native of Maine and for five years has been pastor in New Hampton, Io.

SAVANNAH held its first communion last month, and received for that occasion the communion service used for so many years by the old church of Sangerfield, now defunct, the few survivors being glad to have it serve a new term of life with this new church. Rev. B. N. Wyman is pastor here and is meeting with much encouragement.

Pennsylvania

PHILADELPHIA.—*Central,* under the efficient pastorate of Rev. C. H. Richards, D.D., has made itself a help and comfort to other churches near it. The young people are well organized. The Young Men's Union embraces a chapter of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Phillip, an orchestra and other organizations. The former branch, Park Church, is now on its feet, under the able leadership of Rev. C. B. Adams, and the Kensington Church, Rev. N. N. Bormose, pastor, has shown efficiency in its work. Brickwork, painting, building and other sorts of work are done by its members.—Another remarkable church has just been gathered in an old blacksmith shop in the southeast part of the city, which, under the direction of Rev. F. E. Wieder, is now engaged in building a brick meeting house. Already there are over 200 scholars in the Sunday school of this new enterprise.

THE SOUTH

Georgia

ATLANTA.—*Central* has just held a special service for the Travelers' Protective Association, which was attended by the entire body. Rev. R. V. Atkisson, the pastor, preached on Honesty in Business, and made a deep impression. The house

was crowded to the doors. The pastor has just resigned.—*First,* according to custom, united in Thanksgiving service with the Methodist church. After service dinner was served by the ladies, and a handsome sum was realized for the improvement of the ventilation of the meeting house.

THE INTERIOR

Ohio

BURTON.—The Sunday evening congregations are the largest ever had here and the services are devoid of all sensational methods. The prayer meetings are increasing in interest and attendance through the co-operation of the C. E. Society with the pastor, Rev. E. O. Mead. In the eight years in which the pastor has been in this his first pastorate he has attended weddings in seven townships and funerals in 12. Money has just been raised to light the church with electricity and the new lights will be put in at once.

HUDSON.—The Men's League held its fall meeting Nov. 17 with about 60 men present. A supper was served by the wives of the members, after which speeches were made by Dr. C. B. Hulbert, Dr. W. I. Chamberlain of the Ohio Farmer, Rev. Henry Stauffer, Prof. Clay Herriek and the pastor, Rev. C. H. Small. The parish has just been divided into 27 districts, with a visitor for each, to co-operate with the pastor in looking after the temporal and spiritual interests.

ZANESVILLE.—Under the genial leadership of Rev. C. H. Hanks this young church is enjoying a remarkable degree of prosperity. Its audience-room is packed Sunday morning and evening and it is the only church in the city out of debt and with a good amount in its treasury.

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TWINSBURG.—The recent accessions on confession at the last communion were the fruits of a catechetical class held through the summer by the pastor, Rev. W. A. Swengel.

Illinois

[For Chicago news see page 837.]

SHAW, under the leadership of the new pastor, Rev. Alexander Simpson, is pressing forward with courage. An indication of the zeal and energy of this church, not yet two years old, is the fact that the people carry on a mission located in a neighboring district called "The Swamp."

Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS.—*Mayflower*, which has been vacant since Aug. 1, has secured as its new pastor Rev. H. N. Kinney. Dr. N. A. Hyde is pastor emeritus. Mr. Kinney is a graduate of Harvard and Andover, and has held pastorates in Fergus Falls, Minn., Winsted, Ct., and Syracuse, N. Y. He has been prominent in Endeavor work and in the Good Citizenship movement. Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Buchanan of this church, who are prominent Endeavorers, attended the San Francisco convention and afterward took an Alaskan trip and were wrecked in the City of Mexico. They escaped, but the prize good citizenship banner awarded to Indianapolis went down with the baggage. Mrs. Buchanan, State president of the Woman's Board, has been giving interesting talks on Alaskan Missions since her return.—*Pilgrim*. The edifice is being renovated without and within. The lot has been graded and sodded.—*People's*. The choir gave a concert with special music, Nov. 16, which netted handsomely.—*Brightwood* observed Nov. 21 as a special home missionary day, with sermons preached by Rev. W. F. Berger and Superintendent Curtis.—*Plymouth*. Superintendent Curtis gave an illustrated lecture upon the Puritans before the young people Nov. 20.

WHITING.—Work is progressing well under the new pastor, Rev. J. B. Ross. A constant increase is noted in attendance until the congregations are now the largest since the house was built, and the largest in the city. Rev. Drs. Frank Crane and J. F. Loba have recently lectured before the young people. The midweek meeting and Sunday school are increasing in size and interest.

Washington is raising money for improvements on its building.

Michigan

DETROIT.—A mass meeting of Congregationalists was held with the First Church the evening of Nov. 21 under the auspices of the Detroit Congregational Union. The large auditorium was filled and all the pastors were on the platform. The object was to bring the needs of Congregationalism before the churches. Four addresses were given on Congregationalism in Detroit: Its Work in the Past, Its Position Today, Its Future and Needs, and What to Do and How to Do It. The meeting was full of enthusiasm.—*First*. The services of preaching, prayer and praise had daily for two weeks such topics as these: Soul Longing for God, Members in Particular, Giving Account to God, Growing Christians.

GRAND HAVEN.—Rev. D. H. Richardson, the pastor, took his vacation in October, the summer resort visitors who attended the services making his absence during the warm months inadvisable. He spent his time at Chicago Seminary doing post-graduate work. Since his return a sermon on the Twenty-third Psalm, illustrated by stereopticon

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The Business Outlook

It cannot be said that general trade has shown any marked development. Colder weather in the Northwest has stimulated the retail demand for winter goods and merchants have been free buyers of merchandise, but this spurt of activity does not apply to the whole country. Here in the East, in New England, general trade has thus far been somewhat of a disappointment.

However, if the West keeps busy and continues to be the large consumer of goods that she has since the early summer, Eastern people may rest content, for the large Western demand for manufactured goods will keep our mills and factories busy and give employment to labor. If the latter is well employed it means more money in circulation, so that ultimately the wave of comparative prosperity which is sweeping over the West is certain to spread to all sections, including the East.

Cotton manufacturing here is in bad shape, however. Prices are low and the mills are making no profit on the limited amount of goods they are able to dispose of. Mill men here believe that raw cotton is scraping on bottom, and that just as soon as it begins to advance values on the manufactured product will become firmer. Woolens and boots and shoes are in steady movement, and the rubber factories report a much larger business than last year.

In the stock market there is a disposition to await the assembling of Congress before making any fresh commitments of capital. Operators on the stock exchanges are disposed to go slow until they see what sort of a Congress it is—whether rabidly jingoistic or disposed to assist rather than retard the full return of confidence to capital and business interests.

Marriages

The charge for marriage notices is twenty-five cents.

ROPES—LOWELL.—In Boston, Nov. 23, by Rev. Leighton Parks. Mr. James Hardy, instructor in Harvard divinity school, and Alice, daughter of Mrs. Edward J. Lowell.

Deaths

The charge for notices of deaths is twenty-five cents. Each additional line ten cents, counting eight words to a line. The money should be sent with the notice.

KEITH.—In Corona, southern California, Nov. 27, Rev. F. A. F. Keith, formerly pastor of the North Congregational Church of Providence, aged 56 years.

PARTRIDGE.—In New Marlboro, Mass., Nov. 16, Miss Maria C. Partridge, born Nov. 28, 1808, a sister of Joseph L. Partridge of Brooklyn and grand-daughter of Rev. Joseph Lyman, D. D., of Hatfield. At the time of her death she was the oldest member of the church in that place. She was buried at Hatfield, Nov. 21.

SHARPE.—In Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 22, Elizabeth A., widow of Hezekiah D. Sharpe, aged 86 years. Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe were among the original members of the Church of the Pilgrims.

STAPLES.—In New Bedford, Nov. 25, Rev. John C. Staples, aged 55 yrs., 10 mos.

MRS. H. F. GILBERT

Harriet Ford Watrous, wife of Rev. Albert S. Gilbert of East Milton, Mass., and only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Watrous of Gravesville, Wis., died at East Milton, Oct. 27.

Mrs. Gilbert was born at Mishawaka, Ind. She was a graduate of Lawrence University, Appleton, Wis., in the same class with him who became her husband. Her life in college was a brilliant one. For pure womanliness and strength of character she was without a peer, and in intellectual effort was always honored. She spent several years in teaching, for which she had an unusual gift and in which she achieved a high reputation.

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MRS. ELIZABETH NICHOLS

Widow of the late Merit Nichols, died in Waterbury, Ct., Oct. 10, of heart disease in the eighty-fifth year of her age. Over sixty years a member of Christ's Church, she walked with God and was not, for God took her. Like the sunset which closes a beautiful autumn day was the going home; and the night of death had no terror, for the Lord was mindful of his own; thus it was only a little folding of the hands to sleep.

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Loans on Stocks, payable on demand	183,100.00
Premiums uncollected and in hands of Agents	602,866.76
Interest due and accrued on 1st January, 1897	55,678.34
	\$10,362,224.39
LIABILITIES.	
Cash Capital	\$3,000,000.00
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Reserve for Unpaid Losses and Claims	735,128.66
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views, a harvest home S. S. concert, the first ever held here, and the energetic work of the chorus, assisted by the fine pipe organ recently bought, have helped to make the church a power in the community. During his absence the parsonage was improved by a brick foundation and repairs on the cellar, making it more healthful and pleasant.

GRAND RAPIDS.—*Pack.* Prof. G. F. Wright of Oberlin has given an instructive course of scientific lectures.—*South* has closed a three weeks' series of special meetings by the pastor. Spiritual results are expected.—*Barker Memorial* tendered its new pastor, Rev. J. T. Walker, and his wife a reception Nov. 18.—*Smith Memorial.* Rev. F. G. Blanshard has planned to give a course of sermons on Messianic Prophecy in the morning and a sociological series in the evening.—*Plymouth's* pastor, Rev. R. M. Higgins, is giving a course of evening sermons on the Evolution of the Working Man.—*East* has received a grant of \$500 from the C. C. B. S. for the church debt.

CALUMET.—At a recent impressive communion service 21 new members were received, many on confession. The services are noteworthy for the increasing number of young men and women who attend.

Rochester has painted its house inside and out.—The Swedish Church, Ludington, has voted to become Congregational, and will seek sisterhood at an early date.—The Men's Sunday Evening Club of Alpena enjoyed a pleasant evening at a reception tendered them by the president at his home.—The Ladies' Missionary Society of Manistee held an annual Thanksgiving service recently and raised over \$50.—The Men's Club of Alpena now numbers 65 and is a strong factor in the church.

Wisconsin

MILWAUKEE.—*Plymouth's* institutional work has recently been considerably enlarged by the pastor's new assistant, Mr. D. M. Flagg. The capacity of the rooms set apart for this work is insufficient. Boys are turned away nearly every night. The pastor, Rev. Judson Titsworth, is giving, for Sunday evenings, a series of Bible character sketches, principally from the Old Testament. Large congregations attend and the idea has become especially popular.

MADISON.—Rev. E. G. Updike is giving a series of Sunday morning sermons on The Moral and Religious Value of the Old Testament. The 21st annual session of the Wisconsin Christian Alliance met in this city Nov. 16. Its object is to secure closer relations between the evangelical denominations of the State.

DODGEVILLE.—*Plymouth.* The Ladies' Society has lately given about \$100 worth of books to distribute among strangers attending the church services. A visiting committee makes regular calls upon the sick.

AURORAVILLE is yoked with Poysippi under the pastoral care of Mr. G. V. Clark, who has just closed a successful year's labor, and has been called for another year. He plans to enter seminary next fall.

A boy choir of about 40 voices is being drilled for service in Menasha with 15 men.

THE WEST Missouri

ST. LOUIS.—*Central.* The Sunday school hour has been changed from noon to 9.30 A. M., resulting in a decided increase in attendance.

Iowa

GOWRIE AND FARNHAMVILLE.—The pastor, Rev. Mandus Barrett, reports excellent results from a two weeks' meeting at Farnhamville, under the leadership of Fred B. Smith. Of the number who professed conversion five have been received to membership and more are expected. At Gowrie the influence of special meetings in the summer is still manifest. The services have a better ring to them—especially the prayer meeting, which is largely attended. On a recent Sunday evening a special service was held for young women in charge of the young women of the church. The pastor made an address especially adapted to the occasion. On the completion of his first year, in October, the people raised his salary. Mr. Barrett and his wife were recently given a surprise on the evening of their 10th wedding anniversary by the young people, who during the evening presented them with a gold piece.

BERWICK.—Rev. Joseph Steele, Jr., reports 14 hopeful conversions as the result of special meetings, in which he was assisted by Rev. J. W. Buck of Polk City. At the last communion there were 16 accessions, all but three on confession. Others are

expected soon. The regular services are well attended and the people are encouraged.

MCINTIRE.—The annual meeting was recently held. Dinner was served, after which reports of the various organizations were read, the work for the coming year was considered and a brief devotional service was conducted by the pastor. The church closed the year without debt. Rev. L. M. Pierce is pastor.

SIRLEY.—Both church and community have been greatly quickened by a stirring revival, under the leadership of Evangelist W. A. Sunday. About 250 persons went forward during the meetings, many of them young men and heads of families.

JEWELL JUNCTION.—A series of three interesting lectures on Good Citizenship were given by Rev. N. F. Douglas of Eagle Grove, Nov. 15-17. The topics were: Patriotism, Prosperity and Fraternity.

EAGLE GROVE has inaugurated the Sunday afternoon vesper service at 4.30 in place of the regular evening meeting. The first one, held Nov. 7, was well received.

Evangelist Hartsough recently closed a series of revival meetings at Emmetsburg, in which 200 cards were signed.—The young people of Traer have recently furnished the meeting house with

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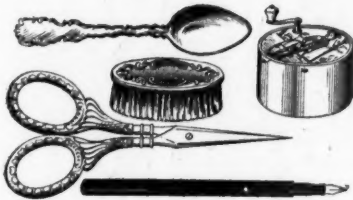
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electric lights.—At Iowa Falls special meetings conducted by the pastor have been held for several weeks, in which considerable interest was shown.

Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS.—Como Avenue has had a successful year, and at the recent annual meeting pledges to the amount of \$500 were taken, providing for a floating debt of some years' standing. The Endeavor Society is responsible for the second service, thus leaving the pastor, Rev. J. A. Stemen, free to preach at West Minneapolis, a needy field which has no other English church.

LITTLE FALLS.—The annual meeting was observed recently with a large and enthusiastic attendance. A small balance was reported in the treasury, there being no debt except to the C. C. B. S. Much progress has been made during the pastorate of Rev. F. A. Sumner.

BIWABIK.—The closing of the iron mines for the winter and the departure of some of the men to work upon a new railroad interferes somewhat with the attendance. A good spiritual work is being done and the reading-room is patronized, especially by the young people.

SPRING VALLEY.—The debt on the organ has been paid, and the Sunday school has also cleared a small indebtedness. Seven united with the church of late, three on confession. The church is united and uninjured by the formation of the People's Church.

CLARISSA.—Diphtheria has again prevailed and services are interrupted. Several deaths have occurred. The pastor is preaching at Bertha, where a church building has recently been erected.

HIBING.—The work has prospered during the year under Mr. R. W. Watt, and the people are moving to secure a building. The membership is small and much outside assistance is needed.

BRainerd.—First. Rev. G. W. Gallagher, the new pastor, is welcomed by large congregations, and the work is prospering much under his leadership.

The parsonage at Wadena has been enlarged, its capacity being nearly doubled, and the church is gaining in strength.

Kansas

LEAVENWORTH.—First. Prominent business and professional men are taking an active interest in the Men's Club, organized Nov. 5. Its immediate objects are to take charge of the evening service, establish a People's College and provide a good lecture course. The Ladies' Association has provided for the enlargement of the choir loft. The chorus has formed an organization to study music, both sacred and secular. It is undenominational, and any one may enter on the payment of a small fee. By vote of the church the pastor, Rev. C. N. Fenn, will be retained another year. The proceeds of a Klondike social, held by the Y. P. S. C. E., will provide new S. S. song-books.

PITTSBURG was never in better condition. The congregation, Nov. 7, numbered 180 and the Sunday school 86. Five persons were received to membership on confession. The women recently put the church building in excellent repair at an expense of \$100. Rev. E. B. Smith, the pastor, is specially successful in reaching young men and in securing the confidence of all classes in this growing city, whose chief industries are mining and smelting.

Nebraska

OMAHA.—Pilgrim has secured the refusal of the lot on which its building stands and expects at once, with the aid of the C. C. B. S., to have its property entirely free of debt. The title to the land has been in litigation and the church has heretofore simply held the lease on it. The pastor, Rev. F. D. Jackson, finds the people responsive to his leadership, and there is growing interest along all lines.

ATEN.—Rev. W. T. Williams, beside having the care of this point and Crofton, has established regular preaching services at Herriek, where there used to be a small Congregational church. At Aten the people have been improving the parsonage property of late and the Ladies' Aid Society has been active in helping.

DUSTIN.—The council called to ordain Mr. J. M. Kokyer, Nov. 10, was of special interest. He has occupied this difficult field in the northern part of Holt County for the past year, preaching to three churches scattered over a wide region, and has gained the warm regard of the people.

North Dakota

DICKINSON.—Rev. U. G. Rich enters upon his work with much to encourage. He has excellent

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congregations, and is doing considerable outside work. At one out-station, Wibaux, Mont., the people are planning to build a house of worship.

Mr. D. L. Moody has spent two days at Grand Forks and two at Fargo, speaking to large and interested audiences. So great numbers came from different parts of the State to hear him that many were unable to gain admission.

While her husband is doing evangelistic work in other parts of the State, Mrs. N. P. McQuarrie is supplying acceptably at Niagara.—Mr. Royal F. King, a layman from Inkster, will supply for a time at Michigan City, where there is opportunity for good work.—The Jamestown edifice is being improved by a coat of paint outside and decorations within.

South Dakota

BUFFALO GAP.—Rev. Timothy Thirloway, in connection with his work at this point, preaches at W. G. Flat, at Lame Johnnie Sunday school and at a still more destitute point 12 miles distant. The church prayer meetings are held in the pastor's study and the S. S. lessons are used as topics.

RAPID CITY.—For three weeks union revival services, in charge of Rev. J. S. Norris of Des Moines, Io., have been held with the Congregational church. The interest has been marked and a closer union of the churches has resulted.

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SAN FRANCISCO.—Plymouth has enjoyed for two Sundays the ministrations of Dr. F. B. Cherington. He also interested greatly the Monday Club by an address on India, where he spent several years under the Methodist Board of Missions. He has done excellent work in his only Congregational charge, Westminster Church, Spokane.

Biographical

REV. AMOS EDWARD LAWRENCE

Among retired clergymen in this vicinity Mr. Lawrence, who died at Newton Center Nov. 23, has long held a place of honor. He was born in Geneseo, N. Y., June 25, 1812, graduated from Yale in 1840 and from Union Theological Seminary in 1844. For four years he was an assistant secretary of the American Home Missionary Society. He subsequently held pastoral relations in Cutchogue, N. Y., Southbury, Ct., Lancaster, Housatonic, South Lee and Stockbridge, Mass. He has resided in Newton Center since 1874.

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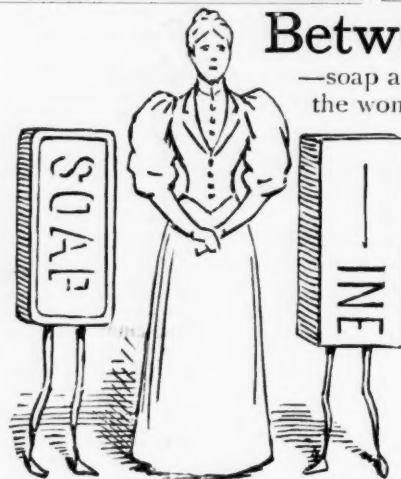
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Weekly Register

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AMENT, Wm. S., A. B. G. F. M. missionary from China, not called to supply at Chesaning, Mich.
 BRUNDIDGE, Hiram A., Chetopa, Kan., to preach alternate Sundays at Altoona, a former parish. Accepts.
 BUNTING, E. Thos., accepts call to Walton, Ill.
 BURT, Chas. W., Lakeview, Mich., to Leroy (Joppa P. O.). Accepts.
 BUSH, Harvey S., Port Huron, Mich., to Almont. Has begun work.
 CLARK, Geo. V., Nashville, Tenn., held missionary of the A. M. A., to Plymouth Ch., Charleston, S. C.
 DOUGHERTY, M. Angelo, Cambridge, Mass., to Canton, as stated supply. Accepts, with residence unchanged.
 EVANS, John C. C., recently of Ward Hill, Bradford, Mass., accepts call to Wallingford, Vt.
 HEYDENBURK, Frank H., Oberlin Sem., to Cannon and Cannonburg, Mich.
 INGRAHAM, Alex. M., Chicago Sem., to Inlay City, Mich. Accepts.
 KENNEDY, Richard H., formerly of Pepperell, Mass., accepts call to San Mateo, Cal.
 LOUD, Halah H., N. Abington, Mass., to E. Taunton. Accepts.
 MCNAIR, David C., late of Mine La Motte, Mo., to Grace Ch., Cleveland, O. Accepts.
 MANSON, Chas. E., Challis, Ida., to Mountain Home.
 MIDDLE, F. E., Perry, Mich., to Farwell.
 MESKE, Fred L. V., Prescott, Wis., to Ortonville, Minn. Accepts.
 NICHOLS, Geo., Oberlin Sem., to Independence, Kan., where he supplied during the summer. Accepts.
 NOYES, Fred K. B., Second Ch., W. Newbury, Mass., to Chiltonville. Accepts.
 PANNELL, Cary H. H., formerly of Tallman, N. Y., to Tannersville. Accepts.
 PERRY, Silas P., to remain another year at Richmond, Vt.
 PHILLIPS, Ellsworth W., Hope Ch., Worcester, Mass., declines call to Swampscott.
 RAIN, Jas. W., to Dayton, O. Accepts.
 RIGGS, Geo. W., Edmore, Mich., to Lakeview. Accepts.
 SCHERMERHORN, Peter, Tawas City, Mich., to Highland Station and Hartland. Accepts.

SINKS, Perry W., formerly of First Ch., Painesville, O., to Plymouth Ch., Youngstown.
 SMITH, Frank G., Abingdon, Ill., to Plymouth Ch., Peoria. Declines.
 SMITH, L. Adams, recently of Christopher, Wn., to Yesler. Accepts. He will also give some time to evangelistic work.
 SNODGRASS, D. N., to remain at Millbrook, Chippewa Lake and Rodney, Mich. Accepts.
 STAPLETON, John, to remain another year at Conklin and Lamont, Mich. Accepts, with residence at the latter point.
 TOSD, Quintus C., Tabor, Io., to Clark, S. D., for six months.
 TOWNSEND, Stephen L., of Ocoee, S. D., to Haines City. Accepts.
 WATERMAN, Alfred T., recently of Baldwin, Mich., to Nashville. Accepts, and has begun work.
 WILLIAMS, W. Tyrer, formerly of Linwood, Kan., to Downs. Accepts.

Ordinations and Installations

BAXTER, Geo. W., o. p. Knoxville, Io., Nov. 22. Sermon, Dr. A. L. Frisbie; other parts, Rev. Messrs. W. L. Bray, G. A. Taylor, J. Mitchell, E. M. Vittum.
 HODGSON, Frank W., o. p. Greenville, Mich., Nov. 15. Parts by Pres. W. G. Sperry, D. D., Rev. Messrs. Archibald Hadden, A. M. Hyde and C. F. Swift.
 LUDLAM, Headley O., o. Vanderbilt, Mich., Nov. 15. Sermon, Rev. F. C. Wood; other parts, Rev. Messrs. W. H. Warren, D. D., and P. M. Crips.
 NEWCOMB, Edward H., o. p. Richmond, Me., Nov. 26. Sermon, Rev. J. S. Williamson; other parts, Rev. Messrs. A. L. Struthers, J. L. Quimby, Jas. Richmond, W. G. Wade.
 WELSH, John W., o. Powhattan, Kan., Nov. 16. Sermon, Rev. A. W. Vernon; other parts, Rev. Messrs. F. G. Mitchell, A. C. Hogbin, L. P. Broad.
 WINCHESTER, Benj. S., o. p. Snohomish, Wn., Nov. 16. Sermon, Rev. T. M. Gunn, D. D.; other parts, Rev. Messrs. Alonzo Rogers, T. C. Wiswell, W. C. Merritt.

Resignations

ATKINSON, Robt. V., Central Ch., Atlanta, Ga., to take effect Jan. 1.
 BLAKESLEY, Linus, First Ch., Topeka, Kan., withdraws resignation.
 FISH, Sam'l E., Aurora, S. D.
 GRAY, Wm. J., Everett, Wn.
 GRIFFIN, John A., Coal Bluff, Ind.
 GRIFFITH, Thos., Petersburg, Neb., to take effect Jan. 1.
 HESCOCK, Gustavus B., Fort Fairfield, Me., after a pastorate of 9 years.
 PERKINS, Mrs. Eliza B., Silver Creek, Neb., to give more time to Clay Center.
 ST. JOHN, Benj., North Park Ch., Des Moines, Io.
 TATUM, C. C., Medford, Okl., to engage in evangelistic work.
 WALTON, Richard C., Rogers, Ark.
 WELCH, Moses C., Pomona, Fla.
 WILLIAMS, Thos. R., Winslow, Me., withdraws resignation.
 WRIGLEY, Francis, Glyndon, Minn.

Churches Organized

MEDFORD (near), Okl., 18 Nov., 12 members.

Miscellaneous

CRUZAN, John A., leads a large normal class just organized in N. Berkeley, Cal., for Bible study.
 FLETCHER, Rufus W., Quillayute, Wn., has received from an Eastern friend a bicycle, which will be of great service in his large parish.
 HALLOCK, Wm. A., Jamestown, N. Y., expects to sail Dec. 4, on the Fulda, to spend the winter with his daughter in Italy, Egypt and Palestine.
 HITCHCOCK, Abraham F., Salsun, Cal., was stricken with apoplexy Nov. 6, but is now sufficiently recovered to go about.
 MORRIS, Geo., and wife, recently were surprised by their parishioners of West End Ch., Los Angeles, who left them richer in happiness, provisions and money.

ACCESSIONS TO THE CHURCHES

	Conf.	Tot.		Conf.	Tot.
CALIFORNIA			MAINE		
Auburn,	3	3	Bangor, Hammond	1	4
Oakland, Plymouth	—	4	Island Falls,	3	3
Ave.,	—	11	Oldfield,	—	5
Riverside,	2	11	Portland, St. Law-	—	5
San Francisco, First,	—	1	rence,	—	6
San Jacinto,	1	5	Solon,	—	6
Santa Barbara,	3	5	Solom,	—	4
Santa Rosa,	4	6	S. Freeport,	—	4
CONNECTICUT			MASSACHUSETTS		
Central Village,	—	7	Clayton, German,	—	5
Clinton,	6	6	Fall River, First,	—	4
Derry,	6	6	French,	—	6
Hartford, Asylum	—	4	Newton, First,	6	11
Hill,	—	4	MISSOURI		
Fourth,	3	6	Anson,	39	39
Noriden, First,	1	4	Carthage,	—	3
Newtown,	1	3	Hannibal,	8	9
Plantville,	—	4	Iberia,	10	10
Rocky Hill,	—	4	Kansas City, First,	—	3
W. Hartford,	6	6	Olivet,	3	3
Willimantic,	3	6	NEW YORK		
ILLINOIS			Brooklyn, Tompkins	—	14
Aurora, New Eng-	1	3	Ave. Branch,	—	3
land,	—	3	Saugerties,	—	3
Chicago, Englewood,	2	8	OHIO		
Fellowship,	—	8	Collinwood,	7	7
Forestville,	—	3	Toledo, Second,	2	5
Green St.,	—	5	Twinsburg,	6	6
Lake View,	3	5	OKLAHOMA		
Maywood,	2	3	Deer Creek,	—	6
Millard Ave.,	3	10	Perkins,	8	8
Mont Clare,	1	6	Pisgah,	—	5
North,	3	7	VERMONT		
Park Manor,	1	5	Ludlow,	2	9
South,	12	24	N. Hyde Park,	—	7
Union Park,	1	4	Ripton,	—	10
Des Plaines,	8	8	W. Hartford,	—	5
Highland,	2	2	WASHINGTON		
Harvey,	2	2	Seattle, Plymouth,	4	17
Highland,	—	10	Snohomish,	1	4
La Grange,	7	7	Tacoma, First,	1	16
Wheaton College (for	6	25	WISCONSIN		
year),	—	—	Eloy,	6	12
INDIANA			Janesville,	10	15
Grassie Valley,	12	16	Leeman,	—	5
Porter,	5	12	River Falls,	7	7
IOWA			OTHER CHURCHES		
Berwick,	13	16	Alton, N. H.,	—	5
Farmhamville,	5	5	Calumet, Mich.,	—	21
Green Island,	21	21	Montclair, N. J.,	—	8
Ionla,	2	7	First,	—	8
Little Rock,	13	15	Nashville, Tenn.,	3	4
Wesley,	4	4	Union,	—	3
KANSAS			Neligh, Neb.,	4	8
Panteg,	5	5	Oberon, N. D.,	3	3
Pittsburg,	—	4	Churches with less	—	34
			than three,		54

Conf., 327; Tot., 729.

Total since Jan. 1. Conf., 12,476; Tot., 23,611.

HEART DISEASE.

SOME FACTS REGARDING THE RAPID INCREASE OF HEART TROUBLES.

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PRAYER MEETING

BY REV. H. A. BRIDGMAN

Topic, Dec. 12-18. One Thing I Have Learned from Paul's Life or Writings. Acts 9: 1-22.

To learn thoroughly one useful thing from Paul's life, and to learn it in such a way that some one else who has hardly heard of Paul and who never read a single epistle of his may learn the same truth from our lives, is a great achievement. Paul's was such a many-sided, active, fruitful life that it teems with lessons and inspirations. If there be in any of the meetings which shall consider this theme an Endeavorer who is not able to speak to this topic out of his own experience he would better drop other pursuits for a time and sit receptively at the feet of the great apostle. Here are two lessons which have come to me.

What Christianity can do for a man who yields himself fully to it. The faith which has its source and center in Jesus never had a more determined opponent than Paul. For years he kicked against the pricks. It was a battle royal between his proud, hard will and the tender, persistent appeal of the gentle Nazarene. At last it apparently required something in the nature of a miracle to humble Paul's haughty nature. Yet was his conversion, after all, any more miraculous than that of Bunyan or John Newton or Jerry Mac-Auley or hundreds of others who have turned squarely about and radically altered their manner of living? The point is that Christianity had an immense work to do in Paul's nature, and it did that work gloriously and permanently. It got control of his strong will. It brought his thoughts into captivity to Christ. It enlarged and purified the fountains of his emotion. It softened and sweetened his bearing towards others. And all this was due to the fact that he gave himself up entirely to the claims and the demands of the new religion. For any one who will thus yield himself to Christ there will be corresponding rewards. Christianity wants to do more for each of us than we dare to dream.

What a thoroughly Christian man can do for Christianity. Paul more than any other of the apostles molded the religion of Jesus into definite and enduring forms. He helped construct the theology of the early church. He carried the glad tidings from continent to continent. He planted churches and he instructed converts. Best of all he commended to the world the life of the Christian by showing men wherever he met them how brave and joyous and enthusiastic a disciple of Christ can be. That is the proper return which we all ought to make for what Christianity does for us. Browning represents a son of England calling to mind the historic glories of his nation and saying,

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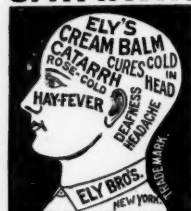
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The question of vital importance to those afflicted with any disease of the breathing organs is, "Can it be cured?" and, if so, "By what mode of treatment?" I have already explained how bronchial, catarrhal and asthmatic disease is cured, and now come to speak of Consumption, the most dreaded of lung maladies.

Its usual symptoms are cough, expectorations of matter from the lungs, shortness of breath, loss of flesh and strength, hectic fever and night sweats.

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[Signed]

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— The University of California is to spend \$5,000,000 in erecting buildings. Such a splendid endowment for architectural purposes ought to produce a noble group of edifices, and a corresponding investment in teachers and equipment will place the institution in the front rank in the work of higher education.

— The library building of Princeton University, now nearly completed, is said to be the finest in America. It has cost \$600,000. Eminent artists have been employed who have wrought worthily, producing some noble statuary and elegant carving. The building will furnish space for a million and a half of volumes.

— Yale has 2,546 students, thirty more than last year. Eighteen foreign countries are represented, Japan leading with seventeen representatives. The number studying for the ministry is the same as last year, 102. There are 254 graduate students. The influence of one such institution as this on the world—who can measure it?

— The opening of the new agricultural building at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, by Hon. James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, on Nov. 30, marks another advance in Negro education. More and more Tuskegee is finding out the actual needs of the colored people in the Black Belt of the South and is shaping its education to meet those needs. Boston has always taken the deepest interest in the school and a meeting in its interests is to be held next Sunday evening in the Old South Church. Principal Booker T. Washington, Dr. G. A. Gordon, Rev. C. G. Ames and others will speak.

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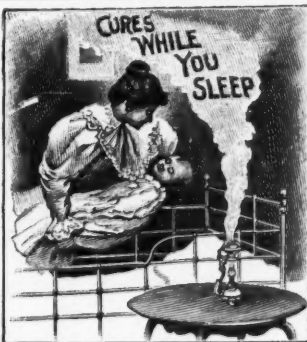
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